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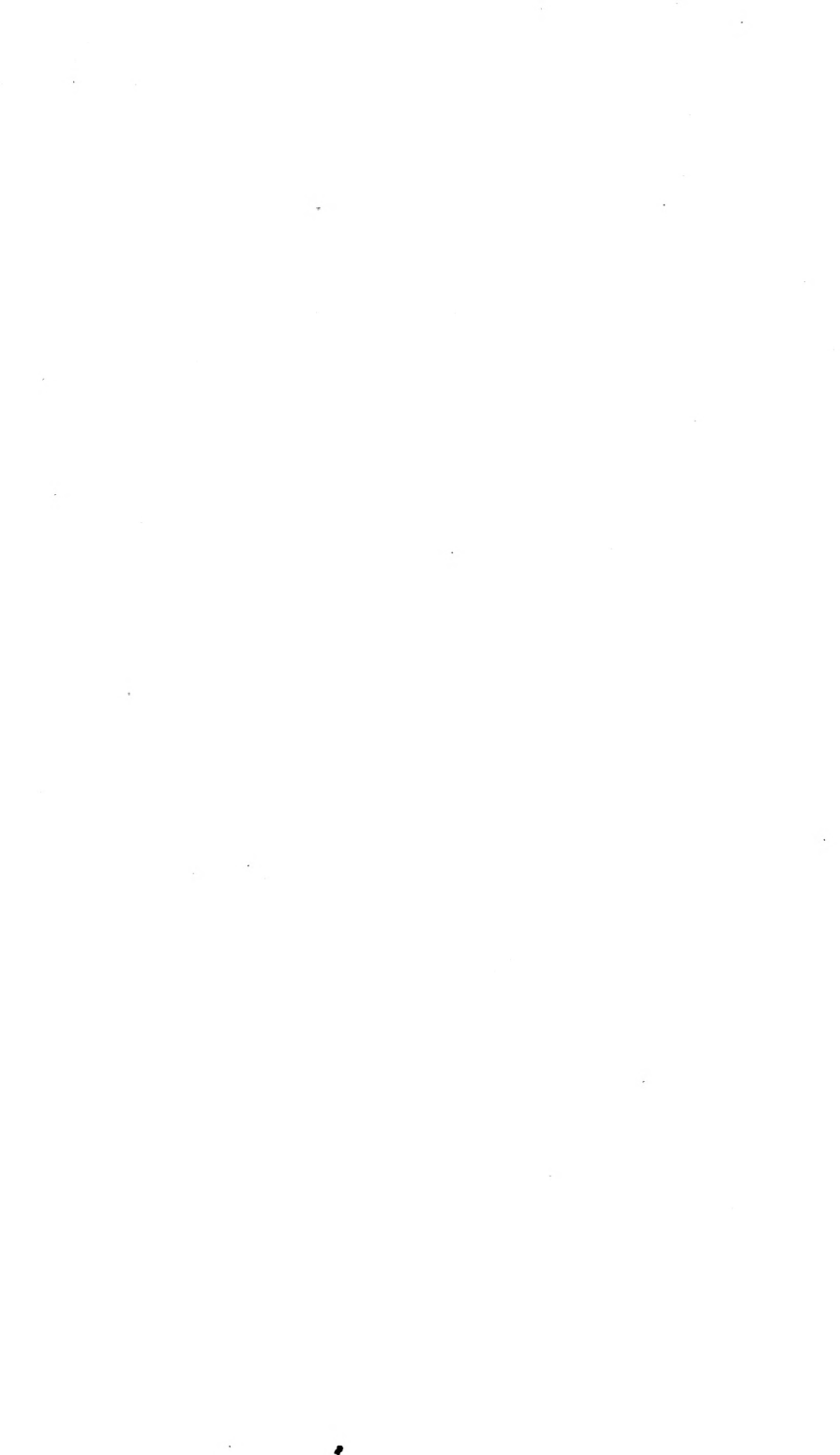
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THE Tragedy of *Virginia* was repeated on Saturday night, with the new Pantomime, to a crowded house. It is reported that Mr. Liston, after completing his engagement at the Olympic will perform at this Theatre all his favorite characters previous to his final leave taking. It is added that his daughter will perform with him, and that she possesses considerable talent in the late Mrs. Jordan's line. The latter part of the information we do not believe, Liston has but one daughter, who is married to Mr. Rodwell the composer. On Wednesday evening last as the audience were entering this Theatre some monster stabbed a young woman at the lower gallery door, and we are sorry to add effected his escape. Mr. Tilbury went to Oxford on Christmas Eve to spend a couple of days, intending to return to fulfil his engagement here on Monday, but was locked up by the snow till Wednesday, to his great annoyance.

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ON Saturday evening, the performances at this Theatre consisted of the Ballet of *The Devil on Two Sticks, Deaf as a Post*, and the new Pantomime. Miss Ballin was again the substitute for Duvernay, who continues indisposed, in the Ballet. A Sunday journal says that when Miss Ballin, who is in reality Mrs. Gilbert, consented to undertake the part, her husband applied to Mr. Bunn to know what was to be done about the dresses, as it was not to be expected that his wife could find them; the lessee replied that she should have Duvernay's. On sending however to the sick danseuse for them, she returned for an answer that if Miss Ballin wore any part of her dresses she would never enter Drury Lane Theatre again! Miss Mitford's forthcoming Tragedy is founded on the same German story as a Drama by the same authoress accepted some seasons ago at one of the Winter Theatres, but which from accidental circumstances was never performed. Mr. Forrest is to personate the hero. This Theatre has been engaged for the Metropolitan Reform Dinner to take place on the 23d instant, the terms given for the use of it for that one night are £530, the tickets will be a guinea each, and 1500 are expected to be sold. Mr. Bunn has at last yielded to the wishes of the public, and reduced the prices of admission to the same scale as that of Covent Garden Theatre.

Mr. Forrest appeared at Liverpool on Monday last in the character of *Othello*.—The house was crowded, and he was vehemently applauded. On Tuesday he played *Lear*, and on Wednesday *Damon*, Willis Jones was the *Iago* and the *Pythias*.

Row at the Birmingham Theatre.—On Monday last the Theatre opened for the season under the management of Mr.

Armstead. Mr. Booth and Mr. W. H. Williams were engaged to play in the Play and Afterpiece, but in consequence of the snow storm, they were detained on the road, and unable to appear. Under these circumstances Mr. Macarthy, the stage-manager, came forward and read the engagements to the audience, and stated the cause of their absence. This, at first gave satisfaction, but at the commencement of the Farce hooting and hissing commenced, the seats were torn up, and many of the splendid chandeliers around the boxes smashed to pieces. At length the police were called in, and with great difficulty succeeded in ejecting the unruly audience.

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De Horn, Mr S. JONES, Engleheart, Mr BEDFORD,
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- The Basaltic Caern. Cerdia's Enchanted Bower, in the centre of which will take place a Splendid Irradiation of Fireworks.

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Jane Shore, Miss HELEN FAUCIT.

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Lots of Yarn—Sunday Bill—What a Mull!—Division among the Members—
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Fete! Green's Flying Omnibus Balloon is new work. Passengers in a merry
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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

ROWE's Tragedy of *Jane Shore* was performed here last night, with a very efficient cast, Macready personating *Hastings*, Vandenhoff, *Dumont*, G. Bennett the *Duke of Glo'ster*, and Helen Faucit the heroine for the first time. Macready possesses every thing but person for an adequate representation of the part of the gallant *Hastings*; his acting was very fine. Ellen Faucit's *Jane Shore* is a piece of acting as beautiful as it is affecting, we never wish to see it acted otherwise or better. There was a plaintive sweetness in her early scenes, exactly in accordance with the poet's portraiture of the repentant fair one, her vindication of the rights of the children of her royal paramour was finely impassioned, and her death scene was uncommonly effective; it affected the imagination without shocking the senses. G. Bennett, as the *Duke of Gloster*, was in one or two instances very impressive, but both he and Mr. Vandenhoff ought to put a curb on their passions. The Tragedy was followed by the grand spectacle of *Aladdin*, the whole concluding with the new Pantomime.

OLYMPIC.—Last night, after the favorite Burletta of *The Barrack Room*, in which Vining and Vestris acted inimitably. Bernard's Farce of *The Yankee Pedlar* was performed for the first time at this Theatre, and Mr. Hill, the American comedian, played his original part with great applause. Mr. Hill's quiet quaint humor is seen to more advantage here than in the vast arena of Drury Lane, and he will, we have no doubt, become very popular. *He would be an Actor*, and *Riquet with the Tuft*, made up the entertainments of the evening to the delight of an elegant and numerous audience.

Chance has thrown into the hands of an amateur, who carefully treasures the singular relic, a playbill of the Theatre of Milan, in which, at the opening of the theatrical season, in 1812, the

names of the several performers are given. The last name in the list of second tenors of the chorusses Giambattista Rubini. This humble character was then between 16 and 17 years of age (having been born in May, 1796. He was the son of the mail courier of Bergamo, a city which is now called the city of tenors, from its having given birth in the last half century to Veganoni, Bianchi. Nozzari, Bordorgni, Donzelli, the two Davids, and the three brothers, Rubini. What a change in 24 years, the last of the second tenor choristers at Milan in 1812, is in 1836 one of the first tenors in the world, himself become a rich man, and lodges his old father in a palace.—*French Paper.*

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"Beware, great King, the present cries aloud

A prophet to the future—Awake! Beware!!"

The Pantomime followed the Play.

ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.—Two new Burlettas were produced at this Theatre last night, and both of them proved eminently successful; the first was an amusing bagatelle, in one act, called *The Wager*; or, *How to Furnish a House Without Money*, the plot of which is as follows: Harry Firebrand (Forrester,) is an unsuccessful suitor for the hand of Rosa (Miss Smith,) the daughter of Deputy Dowgate (Strickland,) on account of his extravagant habits; indeed his credit is at such a low ebb no one will trust him; on the strength of his bad reputation, the Deputy is entrapped into a wager that if he can procure credit for the furniture of a house, he shall have his daughter's hand. Harry by assuming different disguises wins the wager, and the hand of his Rosa. Strickland acted well, as indeed did all the *dramatis personæ*, and Miss Smith sang two songs, one of which was encored. The second was a little piece in two acts called *Love is Blind*, which we suspect is an adaptation from the French. It is the story of a young girl who having been adopted and edu-

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THE popularity of Mr. Bulwer as a novelist, would, had his new Play possessed less merit than it does, have insured for it a certain degree of attraction; its third performance yesterday evening drew a very fashionable and numerous audience who, more especially in the scenes where *Bragelone* appears, were enthusiastic in their applause, nor would they be satisfied till Macready appeared before the curtain at the end of the piece. The Play was followed by the new Comic Pantomime.

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The Manchester Guardian says that on Saturday evening, when the French company took their leave the conduct of the audience was most disgraceful. Hisses, yells, and the most insulting expressions were poured in volleys from the gallery upon all the actors—even the females were not spared, till the piece was terminated abruptly in order to rescue the performers from further insult.

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DRURY LANE THEATRE.

WE find by Mr. Parsons's statement that 16,000 persons visited this Theatre last week, and should think the number will be increased this week. Last night *Cinderella*, Rophino Lacy's adaptation of Rossini's *Cenerentola*, was performed for the first time at this house in admirable style; the scenery and dresses were beautiful, and the execution of the music, both vocal and instrumental, was of the first order. The strikingly beautiful overture was played to perfection, and was enthusiastically applauded, as was indeed the whole of the music, though it is not of that *ad captandum* sort which pleases the million. Miss Romer was the *Cinderella*, and executed the difficult task with great ability. Wilson sang correctly, and with more power than he usually displays. Giubelei is not only a fine bass singer, but he also possesses considerable comic talent; he was excellent in the Baron. Miss Betts, Seguin, Henry, and Miss Poole, also deserve honorable mention. Miss Romer was encored in the finale, and after the curtain fell, she was called forward and vehemently applauded. The Pantomime followed.—The house was crowded.

An action was commenced against the proprietor of Sadler's Wells Theatre by the Dramatic Authors' Society for the amount of ten performances of the *Sonnambulist*, one of the Dramas which Cumberland claims as his; he, however, refused to indemnify the proprietor from the consequences of the action, and the money has been therefore paid to the Society. Another action is laid against Mr. Finch, of the Queen's, for playing *The Lear of Private Life*, and if that is decided in favor of the Society, it will settle the question between them and Cumberland.

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Paganini is arrived at Marseilles, where he intends giving concerts, he is on his way to Paris for London.

The Independent, a Brussels Journal, says "We now know why M. De Beriot had so much difficulty in obtaining the disinterment of the remains of his late lamented wife. It is a known fact that not a single monument is to be seen in any of the churches of England without paying, and the churchwardens of Manchester had purchased the body of Madame De Beriot of the person employed to conduct the funeral, calculating that as every foreigner who passed through their town would visit the tomb of departed genius, they should make a large sum by the exhibition." This base calumny on the good people of Manchester, sprung no doubt from the sordid mind of that wretched Fleming, De Beriot, who from the love of self left his poor wife's still warm corpse in the hands of strangers, unattended by a single relative or friend.

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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

MR. BULWER'S new Play of *The Duchess De la Valliere* was represented for the sixth time last night, (with an additional scene, in which the King offers *Bragelone* the baton of a Marechal, which he refuses on finding that Madlle. La Valliere has left the convent, and is become the mistress of Louis; it afforded Macready another opportunity of displaying his great talent, and it was greatly applauded. An apology was made for Miss Faucit, who was suffering from the fashionable epidemic; she appeared ill. The new Comic Pantomime of *Harlequin Georgy Barnwell* followed.

ADELPHI.—A new local Burletta, in one act, called *The Humours of an Election*, was acted for the first time on Monday night, for the purpose of introducing an amateur mimic, Mr. Fitzgerald, as a professional, and both burletta and actor made a very favorable impression on the audience. This bagatelle puts forward but little claim to plot or incident, further than in representing the confusion and bustle attendant on an approaching election, in preparing for which, John Reeve, as Bustle, "parish overseer, and election agent," was very amusing. In the election scene Mr. Fitzgerald, as O'Donnell, addressed the electors in favor of one of the candidates, and gave a most capital imitation of the manner of the great Agitator; the roll, the swagger, the tugging at wig and neckcloth, the arms a kimbo, and the easy confidence, were perfect fac similes; it was equal to any thing of the kind even the Prince of Mimics, poor Mathews, ever did, and it *agitated* the sides and the hands of the audience most powerfully. The writer of this bagatelle, Mr. Coyne, has avoided all political allusions that could possibly give offence, and yet preserved sufficient subject and sufficient hits in O'Donnell's address to convey to the audience an admirable specimen of the style of eloquence of O'Connell.

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OWING to the indisposition of Helen Faucit, *Macbeth* was last evening substituted for *Jane Shore*, which had been previously announced. The Pantomime was the afterpiece. We are sorry to announce the death of Mrs. Egerton, who was for many years a member of this company; she was the original *Meg Merrilies* and *Ravina*, and in that line was unequalled. She died at Brompton last week in her 66th year.

ST. JAMES'S.—Though this Theatre has now to contend against two great cheap rivals, it continues to enjoy an ample share of public patronage, and the admirable manner in which the proprietor caters for his patrons will ensure him a continuance of public favor. The entertainments combine the charms of delightful music, comic and serious Dramas, and an excellent Ballet. It is long since we have seen a little Drama which has pleased us more than *Love is Blind*, the story is of that domestic nature which comes home to every one; it is neatly written and acted to perfection; there is not one of the characters we could wish in other or better hands. Barnett's *John Thistle* is, as a piece of natural acting, equal to his *Monsieur Jacques*, and Miss Allison is highly interesting as the heroine. It nightly rivets the attention of the audience, and is hailed with loud and genuine applause. To-night *The Village Coquettes* will be re-produced.

On Tuesday, the Garrick Club gave a Dinner at the Albion, to Mr. Charles Kemble, on his retirement from the stage. About 100 members were present, under the presidency of Lord Francis Egerton, who behaved with the most easy grace and dignity. His lordship in proposing Mr. Kemble's health prefaced it with a speech remarkable for its good taste and extreme fitness, and Mr. Kemble returned thanks in a speech equally fitting the occasion. The company consisted of some of the most distinguished patrons of the drama as well as of its ornaments authors and actors. In the course of the evening some complimentary lines, written by Theodore Hook, and composed by T. Cooke, were sung by Messrs. T. Cooke, Balfe, Duruset, Hobbs and Terrail.

"The Musical World of Dresden have recently been enchanted

by the delightful singing of Fraulein Henriette Carl, who has excited a most wonderful sensation in that city. A correspondent in the *Allgemeine Zeitung*, applies to her the observation made by one of Sontag's admirers. "The Carl is an event;" and contends that he has done so more justly than his predecessor, in as much as the appearance of Sontag was not active but passive; that it formed no epoch in the History of Art, that singer being only a perfect specimen of the modern Italian school, while the school of Carl is one so totally unknown to the present time—so grand, so perfect, and her attempts range so far beyond the boundaries of modern art, that she forms a new division—an epoch in the world of song. Her voice is of extraordinary compass, and brought to the highest degree of cultivation; her execution is regulated by the most perfect taste and purity, and delicacy of expression." We shall doubtless soon have this giantess of song, as she is called, here.

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THE entertainments at this Theatre, yesterday evening, were the Drama of *Charles the Twelfth*, the Extravaganza of *Don Giovanni*, and the new Pantomime. A correspondent requests us to state that in an article in *The Metropolitan*, which professes to give a memoir to W. Farren, the writer makes a mistake when he says that that comedian was articled to an attorney, he having been apprenticed to a woollendrapery, in the town of Wolverhampton; the writer is also mistaken in stating that W. Farren and his two brothers had £3000 each left them by the old gentleman who was rescued from robbers by their father, the legacies being £4000.

New York Theatricals.—Mr. Hackett has purchased the Nation Theatre in the city, and at the close of the present season will proceed to Europe to secure all the talent available at either London or Paris. Miss Phillips, the tragedian, having deserted from the Park Theatre, has completed a very successful engagement at this Theatre; she is on the eve of marriage with a gentleman of property at New Orleans. Power is also secured by Flynn, and it is said the Keeleys are in treaty; so that the rival house must look to fresh arrivals. John Reeve is announced as returning to us in the spring, and Miss Shirreff and Wilson it is said will visit us in the room of the Woods. The Bowery Theatre is rebuilt, and Mr. Hamblin, its proprietor, has gone to London to make engagements.

The Dramatic World of Paris.—A considerable increase took place last year in the number of new pieces and authors; we mean in quantity, quality is another affair. In 1834 there were 148 authors, and 188 new pieces, 127 of which were Vaudevilles. Last year there were 290 novelties, of which 218 were Vaudevilles. For the present year we may reckon on one a day should the second Theatre Francais, the Odeon, and the Theatre St. Morceau be opened as expected in April next.

Dramatic Writers and their Profits.—Sheridan received from Ridgway £500 for the copyright of *Pizarro*, and Sir R. Phillips

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paid Tobin a similar sum for *The Curfew*. Colman's *John Bull* produced to him, (by way of copyright) £1200. Morton received for his *Town and Country* £1000 before representation; and Holcroft for his *Road to Ruin* the same sum *after*. Mrs. Inchball by her different Comedies and Farces amassed £8000. Cumberland (the most polished and classical dramatist of the last century,) about half that sum. F. Reynolds, the founder of broad Comedy (by his own admission in his *Reminiscences*,) has cleared nearly the enormous sum of £21,000, but let it be remembered by whom *he* and each of his *lucky* contemporaries were supported. Why by John Kemble, J. Bannister, Mrs. Jordan, Lewis, G. Cooke, Quick, Manden, Emery and Fawcett—performers, who though *real* stars, did not soar above moderate salaries, and thus enabled all parties to adopt the motto of "Live and let live."

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Blue Peter, (with the ballad of 'Black Ey'd Susan') Mr WILSON,

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H A M L E T.

Hamlet..... Mr MACREADY,
 Polonius, Mr W. FARREN
 Claudius, King of Denmark,... Mr THOMPSON,
 Ghost of Hamlet's Father, Mr G. BENNETT,
 Laertes, Mr J. WEBSTER, Friar, Mr RANSFORD
 Horatio, Mr H. WALLACK,
 1st Gravedigger, Mr WEBSTER,
 2d Gravedigger, Mr M'LAN,
 Rosencrantz, Mr BENDER, Marcellus, Mr Collett,
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THE performances at this Theatre, yesterday evening, consisted of the Tragedy of *Hamlet*, and the comic Pantomime of *Harlequin Georgey Barnwell*. The forthcoming new Drama, called *The Country Squire*, is from the pen of that successful dramatist Charles Dance. We understand there is a dispute between the lessee of this house, and Mr. Davidge of the Surrey, concerning the services of T. P. Cooke.

DRURY LANE THEATRE.

It being what is called a Juvenile Night at this Theatre last night, the performances commenced at a quarter before seven, with the new comic Pantomime, which was followed by *Black Ey'd Susan*, in which Mr. Gann, (who sustained a successful rivalry with T. P. Cooke, when he played *William* at the Victoria, and T. P. Cooke at the Surrey) made his first appearance at this Theatre as *William*; his acting was distinguished rather by energy than judgment, but on the whole it was a clever performance. The Ballet of *The Devil on Two Sticks* closed the performance.

ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.—Last night, at this beautiful Theatre, the Comic Opera of *Love in a Village*, compressed into two acts, was performed with a most excellent cast. Strickland's *Justice Woodcock* is the best on the stage, and reminds us most forcibly of Munden's, and Harley's *Hodge* is one of the most perfect pieces of acting we ever witnessed; he throws so much humor into his personation of the faithless swain, that even his heartless treatment of poor *Madge* is less offensive than in the hands of any comedian we ever saw from Emery downwards. The vocal parts were admirably sustained. Braham was the *Hawthorn*, (we need say no more,) Miss Rainforth's pleasing manner and sweet voice make her a charming representative of the heroine; her coquetting with the Justice elicited great applause. Bennett, Miss Julia Smith, indeed all concerned in the Opera did ample justice to their respective parts. We ought not to omit praising the clog dance of Messrs. Boleno, Deulin, and Simon, which is exceedingly clever. *The Strange Gentleman*, and *Love is Blind*, followed the Opera.

The following is an amusing notice of the early history of the Italian Operas in England, from the memoirs of Samuel Pepys:

"February 12th, 1666.—With my Lord Brouncker by coach to his house, there to hear some Italian musique, and here we met Tom Killigrew, Sir Robert Murray, and the Italian Signor Baptista, who has proposed a play in Italian for the Opera, which T. Killigrew do intend to have up; and here he sang one of the acts. He himself is the poet as well as the musician, which is

very much, and did sing the whole from the words without any musique pricket, and played all along upon the harpsichord most admirably, and the composition most excellent. The words I did not understand, and so know not how they were fitted, but believe very well, and all in the recitative very fine. I confess I was mightily pleased with the musique. This done Killigrew and I to talk; he tells me he's gone several times to Rome to hear good musique, so much he loves it; that he hath endeavoured in the late King's time, and this, to introduce good musique. That he hath gathered four Italians from several courts in Christendome to come to make a concert for the King, which he do give £200 a year a piece to. He do intend to have some times of the year these Operas to be performed in the two Patent Theatres, since he is defeated in what he intended in Moorfields on purpose for it. Having done our discourse, we all took coaches, and to Mrs. Knipp's chambers, where this Italian is to teach her to sing her part."

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Alidoro, Mr HENRY, Dandini, Mr SEGUIN.
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MISS HELEN FAUCIT being convalescent, Bulwer's Play of *The Duchess de la Valliere*, with the additional scene for Macready, was repeated last night, with the Interlude of *Petticoat Government*, and the new Pantomime.

A New York Paper speaking of the *debut* of Ellen Tree at the Park Theatre on the 12th ult, says, "The appearance of Miss Ellen Tree at the Park Theatre, drew together one of the most brilliant audiences ever witnessed there. For several days previously every available box place had been taken; her reception was most flattering. She opened in *Rosalind*, and the next night played *Lady Townly*." The New York critics speak highly of Miss Tree's appearance and fascinating manners; they pronounce her a finished and engaging actress, but declared that she wants powdr and energy. Mrs. Hemblin, the daughter of the late Mr. Blanchard, the comedian, and wife to the proprietor of the late Bowery Theatre at New York, has taken a benefit at the National Theatre, for the avowed purpose of enabling her to proceed to England, to institute legal steps against Mr. Wood, the vocalist, for having, during his stay in America, defamed her character.

Muster Richardson was a great admirer of Kean, often saying he was the only one of all his actors, who after they had bettered their fortune ever deigned to call on the *ould* showman, unless indeed they wanted summat or another, [as bills cashed, loans, &c. The last time that Kean visited Bartlemy Fair he was accompanied by Oxberry, and a few other professionals. Richardson was delighted, and procured them the best seats at his show; he then hobbled off round to the stage, and called all his performers together. 'Now,' said he 'I have come to tell you you must all do your best, for Muster Kean, and ever so many more, from *Dewry Lane Theaytre*, has come to see the preformances. They are very clever men, and good hacters. You all recollect that I myself learned Kean to hact *Richard* and *Othello*, and all them things, and depend on't he's a bould speaker, and knows what's

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YESTERDAY evening Bulwer's new Play of *The Duchess de la Valliere* was repeated, after which the laughable Interlude of *No* was given, followed by the new Comic Pantomime. Mrs. Owen, who, when the pretty Miss Beaumont, was much admired at this Theatre, has been compelled to return to the stage; on Saturday last she resumed her profession, in the part of the *Princess of Navarre*, in *John of Paris*, at the Bath Theatre.

DRURY LANE THEATRE.

IN consequence of the great attraction of the juvenile night on Monday, the same performance will be repeated to-morrow. Last night, after the Ballet of *The Devil on Two Sticks*, the first act of *The Jewess* was performed, Mr. Warde being the substitute for Vandenhoff in the part of *Eleazar*, and Miss Huddart sustaining the character of the heroine; the lady was much more successful than the gentleman. The entertainments concluded with the Pantomime. We announced sometime since that Adam's new Opera, *Le Postilion*, was preparing for production at this Theatre; it is now, we perceive, underlined in the bills. T. Cooke is adapting the music, and Planché is writing the libretto. The lessee is to receive £500 for the use of his Theatre for the grand Reform Dinner on Monday next. The following Monday a Grand Selection of Sacred and Miscellaneous Music will be given, in which all the Buffa company will sing, in conjunction with the strong vocal company of this Theatre.

The following is an account of the production of Costa's new Opera of *Malek Adel*.

Paris Jan. 15th.—Last night was brought out the long promised Opera of *Malek Adol*. The greatest expectation has been raised amongst the fashionables of Paris, and three weeks before hand all the places had been taken. Had the house been three times the size it would have been filled. The cast of the characters, the scenery and all the other accessories were splendidly got up. The music is a compilation of reminiscences; as each new morceau was begun the hearer felt the pleasurable sensation one experiences at getting a glimpse once more at an agreeable friend, but immediately the strain of remembrance was broken, and dexterously enveloped in a flood of vague harmony, until some other *motif* of another of our old favorite Operas was begun and interrupted again as suddenly. The instrumentation is good, nay excellent, and no doubt few composers could so well as Signor Costa have per-

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fect the orchestra and choristers in their parts, which were performed with a degree of accuracy, combined with a brilliancy of effect, that concealed the efforts and study which alone could have brought them to such perfection.

Impromptu by the late George Colman.

About a year since, a young lady begged this celebrated wit to write some verses in her album; he shook his head, but good naturedly promising to try, at once extemporised the following—most probably his last written poetical jest:

“My muse and I, ere youth and spirits fled,
Sat up together many a night no doubt;
But now I’ve sent the poor old lass to bed,
Simply because *my fire is going out.*”

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Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

This Evening, the Opera of *CINDERELLA.*

Felix, Mr. WILSON, Baron Pumpolino, Mr GIUBELEI.
Alidoro, Mr HENRY, Dandini, Mr SEGUIN,
Pedro, Mr DURUSET, Page, Miss MARSHALL,
Cinderella, Miss ROMER,
Clorinda, Miss BETTS, Thisbe, Mrs EAST,
Fairy Queen, Miss POOLE.

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This Evening, (first time) an entirely New Original Drama,
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The Country Squire;

OR, TWO DAYS AT THE HALL.

Spuire Broadlands..... Mr W. FARREN,
Horace Aurelius Selwood, Mr J. WEBSTER,
George Selwood Mr PRITCHARD,
Sparrow, Mr WEBSTER,
Richard, Mr J. SMITH, Samuel, Mr COLLETT,
John, Mr BECKETT, Guard, Mr HARRIS,
William, Mr PAULO,
Morris Dancers, Tenants, &c.—Messrs. Gouriet,
Wilson. Evans, King, Smith, Jones, &c.
Fanny Markham Miss VINCENT,
Sophy Herbert, Miss LEE,
Temperance, Mrs GLOVER, Alice, Miss Nicholson.
Morris Dancers, Misses Lacey, Hunt, &c.

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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

A new original Drama, in two acts, called *The Country Squire; or, Two Days at the Hall*, was produced at this Theatre last night with complete success. It is from the pen of Mr. Charles Dance, and does him great honor as well for its merits as a Drama, as for the goodness of its sentiments; the story is as follows: The Squire (Farren,) in his 70th year sends for his two nephews to the hall, in order to select his heir; George (Pritchard,) who is a merchant, avows his preference to London, and Horace (J. Webster,) is such a dandy, that the Squire at first hates him. In the two days sojourn at the hall however he discovers under a foppish exterior, that Horace is brave, humane, well principled and disinterested, and having cured him of his follies presents him to his tenants as his future heir. As a Drama is nothing without love, two young ladies are introduced, Sophy and Fanny, the latter having been brought up with male cousins has become quite masculine; which habits however she abandons, when she finds them obnoxious to her lover, Horace; the character was charmingly acted by Miss Vincent, and we may add no actor on the stage could have looked or acted the part of *Horace* better than J. Webster. The author had drawn an admirable picture of a Country Squire, and Farren personated it to perfection, indeed the Drama altogether was exceedingly well acted. Mrs. Glover was excellent as the housekeeper, and Webster, Pritchard and Miss Lee did full justice to their parts. The Drama was greatly applauded throughout, and its announcement, by Farren, for Saturday was hailed with unanimous applause. *The £100 Note*, and the Pantomime followed.

We are happy to hear that Madame Irvine is progressing as favourably towards convalescence, as considering the severe nature of her injuries could be expected; she is still at the Wrekin Tavern, where she is kindly attended to; a subscription has been raised for her by the Covent Garden Company, and some benevolent anonymous individual has sent her £5. It is but due to Mr. Osbaldiston to state that he always objected to the dangerous exhibition, and would as the lessee of Drury Lane did, have prevented it after the first night, had not Madame Irvine employed strong interest to overcome his objection. The unfortun-

nate woman was a daughter of Gyngeell, the conjuror, and has danced on the tight rope from her infancy; her salary was only £5 per week.

We are requested to state that the paragraph which announced the loss of the vessel in which Mrs. Wilkinson, late of Sadler's Wells Theatre, had sailed with her family for Sidney, is wholly without foundation.

American Modesty.—Major Noah, Editor of *The Evening Star*, New York Paper, speaking of Ellen Tree, says, 'We were struck with the pure pronunciation of Miss Tree, which is that of the English tongue, as spoken by an American in good society.' A trifling degree of American conceit this I guess; and, but a poor compliment to Ellen Tree.

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William, Mr. GANN (His 2nd Appearance on this Stage.)

Blue Peter, (with the ballad of *Black Ey'd Susan*) Mr. WILSON.

Black Ey'd Susan, Miss TAYLOR, Dolly Mayflower, Mrs. HUMBY.

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Count de Grammont, Mr PRITCHARD,
The Marquis de Bragelone,.....Mr MACREADY,
Bertrand,.....(the Amourer).Mr TILBURY,
First Courtier, Mr J. WEBSTER.
Madame de Montespan. Miss PELHAM,
Madame de la Valliere,.....Mrs W. WEST,
Madlle, (afterwards Duchess) de la Valliere, Miss H. FAUCIT
The Queen of Louis the Fourteenth, Miss PARTRIDGE.

After which, the Laughable Farce, entitled

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THE second juvenile performance took place last night, the pieces being as on Monday—the Pantomime, *Black Ey'd Susan*, and the grand Ballet of *The Devil on Two Sticks*, and the result was the same—a most crowded house. A Parisian journal speaks of Taglioni's departure for this country in the most pathetic strains; the writer begins "It is useless longer to conceal the fatal news, our Sylphide is about to take her flight for London; the pounds sterling of Mr. Bunn having out-weighed in the balance the Louis d'or of M. Duponchel, (the director of the French Opera.)"

On Saturday next *The Mountain Sylph* will be performed for the first time at this Theatre, in which Mr. Phillips will sustain his original part of *Hela*, for the Benefit of Mlle. Duvernay.

COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

BULWER'S new Play of *The Duchess de la Valliere* was repeated last night, the alterations and additions which have been so judiciously made in it, have rendered it a highly interesting acting Play. The new Pantomime followed. An actor of this Theatre, named Beckett, was summoned to the County-court on Thursday by a tallyman for a debt of 28s. the plaintiff stated that Beckett was in the demon line, played devils and sich like in all the *meller drammers*; that he got 35s. per week, and was considered a *reglar varmint* at playing demons.

ST. JAMES'S.—Mr. Braham has made a valuable addition to his Operatic Corps in the person of Mr. Leffler, who made his first appearance on these boards on Thursday night, as *Steady*, in *The Quaker*, which character he repeated last night, and on both occasions was greatly applauded. Like most of the pieces got up here, *The Quaker* was judiciously cast, and extremely well performed. *Love is Blind* continues to draw great half prices. *The Postilion*, with the whole of the original music, by Adolph Adam, is in rehearsal here; this Opera was played for more than 50 consecutive nights at the Opera Comique in Paris, with immense success, and the French journals have been unanimous in their praise of the music. There will be a race between this Theatre and that of Drury Lane for priority in its production.

The veteran comedian, Downton, and his son came passengers in the New York packet ship, *Virginian*, which arrived at Liverpool on Monday evening. Downton was not at all liked in America;

we are sorry to hear his memory has completely failed him; he ought to be rich enough to retire from a profession he has so long adorned.

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ST. JAMES'S.—To-night the Musical Drama of *Guy Mannering* will be performed, Braham personating *Henry Bertram*, and Harley, *Dominie Sampson*. Planché has commenced an action against Mr. Braham for refusing to pay £1 per night for the use of the songs in the Burletta of *Oberon*, the dialogue having been written by Mr. A'Becket. Planché claims his money under Mr. Bulwer's new act, which says "No person shall perform a piece or any part thereof without the author's consent in writing first had and obtained."

Mrs. Ducrow died on Sunday the 15th inst. at Newcastle-upon-Tyne to the great regret of her husband and friends. Ducrow immediately closed his performances there, and on Thursday set off with the body of his wife for London.

The prospectuses of the new National Opera will, it is said, be published in the course of the present month. Mrs. Almond, (Miss Romer,) is the first lady who has become a shareholder, she having within the last few days taken shares to the amount of £100. The site for the Theatre has not yet been fixed on, the premises of Messrs. D'Almaine, in Soho Square, have been offered to the committee.

The Brussels journals state that the monument to be erected over the grave of Malibran, at Lacken, will be free from all superfluous ornaments, and as unassuming as was the modesty of the singer herself. A bronze column is talked of 12 feet high, surmounted by an urn covered with cypress or *immortelles*. It has been justly considered that bronze, on account of its durability, will be the best calculated for a monument consecrated to posterity, and which will be placed in a situation perfectly open and exposed to injury both from profane hands and the ravages of weather. One of the sides of the pedestal, which will also be in bronze, will bear the following inscription "The Arts in despair. To Maria Felicité Garcia De Beriot Malibran; born at Paris 1808, died at Manchester 1836. Homage and gratitude from her adopted country, and her *disconsolate* husband."

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THE entertainments at this Theatre, yesterday evening, were the Opera of *Masaniello*, the Pantomime, and the Ballet of *The Devil on Two Sticks*, which attracted a very good house. Miss Shirreff has thrown up her engagement at this house, from jealousy, it is said, of Miss Romer, and anger at being cast for *Jessie*, in *The Mountain Sylph*. Miss Ferde also is no longer a member of this company.

SURREY THEATRE.—On Monday evening, the Opera of *The Cabinet* was performed at this Theatre, for the purpose of introducing two very young aspirants for musical honors, a Master and Miss Walker (as *Orlando* and *Floretta*; they are pupils of Mr. Jolly, the composer of this Theatre, and certainly the taste they evinced in the execution of their songs reflects great credit on their instructor. The audience were uproarious in their applause and encored "The Polacca," the duet, "The Bird in yonder cage," &c. Nature has done much for these clever children, and art may perfect her work, but for own parts we think it would have been wiser not to have brought them out whilst so young.

The first time O'Keefe went to the Theatre after the failure of his Opera, *The Banditti; or, Love's Labyrinth*, Miss Catley, the celebrated singer, accosted him from a front row in the lower boxes, loud enough, as he was many rows back, to be heard by all and everybody, "So, O'Keefe you had a piece d—d the other night. I'm glad of it—the devil mend you for writing an Opera without bringing me into it." A few minutes after Leoni, entered the box, with a lady leaning on his arm. Catley caught his eye, and cried out "How do you do, Leoni? I hear you are married—is that your wife? bid her stand up till I see her." Leoni, abashed, whispered the lady, who with good humoured compliance stood up. Catley after surveying her a little, said "Ha! very well indeed, I like your choice." The audience, who knew Catley and her oddities, were much amused with this scene. The next season the Opera of *The Banditti* with alterations was produced as *The Castle of Andalusia*, and was eminently successful.

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The following is a gross specimen of the ignorance of English manners and customs even among the educated French ; it is in the speech of Leichtenberger, (the advocate of Mrs. Gordon) at the Strasburg trials. "When Rubini went to London to sing, the King of England ordered the drums to beat *aux champs*, (the salute for a general) as he passed along."

A Full House.—"Burton has his benefit to-night. It is quite useless to say a word in his behalf, for the box sheet is already full we believe, and he is so general a favorite that praise is almost valueless to him. Old Drury will be crowded this evening in box, pit, and gallery. Persons with long noses should abstain from going. There will not be room in the Theatre for organs of that description."—*Philadelphia Paper*.

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AT this Theatre yesterday evening, after the *Petite Comedy of The Country Squire*, and the Pantomime, the amusing Drama of *Charles the Twelfth* was performed, making a capital bill of fare.

DRURY LANE THEATRE.

YESTERDAY evening the performances at this Theatre commenced with the first act of Weber's Opera of *Der Freischütz*, which was followed by the Pantomime, and the Ballet of *The Devil on Two Sticks*, in which Duvernay finished her engagement for the season, but she will dance once more, (to-morrow) for her own Benefit. There will be a grand performance of Sacred and Miscellaneous Music, at this Theatre on Monday next, when, according to foolish custom, dramatic representations are forbidden out of compliment to a weak and obstinate King, who had his head cut off about two centuries ago! It is quite time that this custom which would be more honored in the breach than the observance was done away with.

ST. JAMES'S.—As according to the present wise regulations of our Lord Chamberlain a moral Drama must not be acted on the 29th of January, the lessee of this Theatre intends to give a performance of Sacred Music, and such other entertainments as may come within the letter of the law.

The French, after raking up all their own obscene works from "*Faublas*," and "*Les Liaisons Dangéreuses*," to the publications of the present day, to make Dramas, are now about to produce a Drama at the *Théâtre des Variétés*, founded on that infamous book "*Harriet Wilson*," Jenny Vertpré is to personate the courtesan whose name served as a title to the book, and if half be true that is said of that clever actress, she is quite competent to support the character. A great many of our nobility and men of fashion will figure among the *dramatis personæ*, and as the story is of a piquant nature, it is expected to make quite a sensation.

Lately, at the Theatre of Weimar, during the representation of a German Tragedy, the public, consisting of *seven* spectators, who occupied a portion of one of the benches of the pit, thought proper to hiss the actors most unmercifully. The latter returned the compliment with interest, emboldened by the feeble numerical

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force of their opponents, & reinforced by the machinist and the bill sticker of the Theatre, and also by a personage who exemplified the doctrine of trinity in unity, by combining in his single person the offices of prompter, candle-snuffer, and scene-shifter. The audience, having the second-best of the contest, were ultimately obliged to evacuate the Theatre.

In the year 1753, at the concerts at Marlborough Green, Dublin, among the many fine singers, there was Rachel Baptiste, a real black woman, a native of Africa; she always appeared in the orchestra in a yellow gown, and was heard by the applauding company with great delight, without remarks upon her complexion. The favorite song at that time was Lord Chesterfield's "Fair Kate."

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Wilson. Evans, King, Smith, Jones, &c.

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Temperance, Mrs GLOVER, Alice, Miss Nicholson.
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Don Giovanni, Miss VINCENT, Leporello, Mr WEBSTER,
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Mr Deputy English Mr THOMPSON, Pluto, Mr HARRIS,
Miss Constantia Quixote, Miss TURPIN, Mrs Leporello, Miss LEE,
Mrs. English, Miss PELHAM, Squalling Fan, Miss LAND,
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The Abode of Idleness, and Appearance of Sloth drawn by Snails.

The Home of Industry, and Fairy Landscape.—Temple of Industry,
Counting House of Master Thorogood.—the Wharf—and Brig "Adventurer,"
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The Master Thorogood, (a Merchant,) Mr BENDER,
Maria, (his Daughter,) Ma'amselle THERESE SCHMIDT,
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Mr SCHMIDT & Mr C. J. SMITH,

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Residence of Millwood, at the Gunner's in Shoreditch. Splendid Apartments in
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Barnaby Barnwell, (George's Uncle,) Mr HUCKEL,
George's Dramatic Walk from the Borough of Southwark to Camberwell, passing
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CINDERELLA.

Felix, Mr. WILSON, Baron Pumpolino, Mr GIUBELEI,
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DRURY LANE THEATRE.

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Barry, who knew O'Keefe's skill in drawing, once asked him to make his face for *Lear*, which he did with a very venerable effect. When Barry went into the green-room in his regal dress, he asked some of the performers how he looked, Isaac Sparks, in his Lord Chief Joker way, replied, "As you belong to the Beef-Steak Club, O'Keefe has made you peeping through a grid-iron." Barry was so doubtful of his own excellence, (a rare instance of modesty in an actor,) that he used to consult old experienced stage carpenters at rehearsals, to give him their opinion how he acted such and such a passage, but used to call them aside for this purpose. This diffidence was more remarkable in Barry as he was the finest actor in his walk, that has appeared on the English stage, *Alexander*, *Romeo*, *Jaffier*, &c. He is buried in the Cloisters, Westminster Abbey. The stone-cutter has omitted the R. in his christian name, (Spranger,) which leaves it Spanger.

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"On one of the King's nights at Drury Lane Theatre, the lords being about behind the scenes, in and out of the green-room, &c. as customary, Garrick said to a nobleman near him, who was soon to go over to Ireland as Lord Lieutenant, "My Lord, here's a young spark, so plagues us behind the scenes, night after night, always troublesome, I wish you would take him with you over to your Ireland, or any where out of our way." The nobleman took the good natured hint, spoke to the play loving youth, who was loitering near them, and gave him a handsome appointment in Dublin Castle. This is one of the many instances of Garrick's seizing every opportunity to do a good action. The youth was Captain Jephson, author of "Braganza," "The Law of Lombardy," &c.—*Life of John O'Keefe.*

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Francis Osbaldistone, - Mr COLLINS,
Rob Roy Macgregor Campbell,.....Mr VANDENHOFF,
Captain Thornton, Mr J. WEBSTER,
Major Galbraith, Mr RANSFORD, Dougal, Mr M'IAN,
M'Stuart, Mr ROBERTS, Allan, Mr J. SMITH,
Bailie Nicol Jarvie.....Mr W. FARREN,
Saunders Wylie, Mr BENDER,
Andrew, Mr ROSS, Wingfield, Mr COLLETT
Hamish and Robert, Master Fenton & Miss Lane,
Host, Mr HUCKEL, Willie, Mr BECKETT,
Serjeant, Mr LUDFORD, Corporal, Mr PAULO,
Diana Vernon,.....Miss TURPIN,
Helen Macgregor, Mrs W. WEST,
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And Last Night of her Appearance.

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Donald, (betrothed to Jessie) Mr WILSON;

Christie, (his Rival) Mr DURUSET,

Hela, (Wizard of the Glen) Mr H. PHILLIPS,

(His First Appearance this Season.)

Witches:—Morna, Mr S. Jones, Elpsa, Mr Tolkien Kelpie, Mr Butler,

Astaroth, Mr F. Sutton, Beilie Macwhapple, Mr BEDFORD,

Hobbie, Mr Mears, Villagers, &c.

Eolia, (the Mountain Sylph,—her original character) Miss ROMER,

Etheria, (the Sylphide Queen) Miss POOLE,

Attendant Sylph, Miss MARSHALL, Dame Gourlie, Miss Somerville,

Jessie, (her Daughter) Miss F. HEALY.

INTERIOR OF A SCOTCH FARM.

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Appearance of the Wizard of the Glen!

INCANTATION!

The Witches' Ocean Haunt. Cavern of the Wizard, with Cauldron; and
Preparations for the Infernal Invocation.

Assembly of the Witches, preceded by their Imps and Reptiles.

*The Sea Controlled by the Spell. Appearance of Astaroth,
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Dance of Demons, and eccentric Scenic display.*

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ABODE OF THE SYLPHIDE QUEEN.

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DRURY LANE THEATRE.

BARNETT'S Opera of *The Mountain Sylph* was produced here on Saturday night with great *éclat*. Miss Romer and H. Phillips supported their original characters, and were in excellent voice; the latter was *twice* encored in "Farewell to the Mountain," and there were several other encores. The Opera was followed by the Ballet of *The Devil on Two Sticks*, and it being for the Benefit of Duvernay, the fair *danseuse*, was almost overpowered by plaudits, and overwhelmed by garlands and bouquets; at one time she was affected even to tears by the enthusiastic applause. The house was crammed before the rising of the curtain. The real cause of Miss Shirreff quitting this Theatre was Miss Romer being cast for *Fair Rosamond*, she having the part of the Queen.

The King's Theatre re-opens on Saturday, the 18th of next month, Catone and Ronconi from the Opera Buffa are engaged; and Mademoiselle Albertazzi is to be the *prima donna* till the arrival of Grisi, who with Rubini, Tamburini, Ivanhoff, and Lablache will be here after Easter.

Forrest, in his recent trip to Liverpool and Manchester, played 16 nights, and realized £1250. This tragedian has announced for publication at New York, the maiden effort of his pen, to be called 'Rambles in Europe,' with the memoirs of the author prefixed.

Dowton is playing at the Manchester Theatre, where they have an excellent company, among whom are Charles Kean, F. Vining, and Mrs. Fitzwilliam.

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The following account of Ellen Tree's *Julia* is from *The New York Times*:—Great interest was felt to witness the appearance of Miss Tree, in the Play of *The Hunchback*, as it was one that afforded scope for the exhibition of greater powers than she had yet manifested, and was one also that, being thoroughly known to the audience, allowed strict comparisons with the great performers, who have gone before her. The result surprised even her warmest admirers. She displayed energies of which nothing in her former characters had given indication. The general vote in the lobbies was that it was the best *Julia* yet seen here, exceptions there were, and among the judicious some, but the opinions were, on the whole, on the side of Miss Tree's superiority. Old and hackneyed as the Play now is, the effect it produced was easily seen in the storms of applause that interrupted its progress and marked it close. Our opinion is that this was a more just personation of *Julia* than Miss Kemble's."

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Grand Oratorio,

THE CREATION.

Introduction—Descriptive of Chaos.

Recit. Mr Seguin—In the beginning.

Chorus—And the Spirit of God

Air, Mr Wilson—Now Vanish

Chorus—Despairing, cursing rage.

Recit. Mr Giubeloi---And God made.

Air, Miss Woodham---The marvellous Works.

Chorus---And to the ethereal Vaults resound.

Recit. and Air, Mr Seguin---Rolling in foaming
Billows.

Recit. and Air, Miss Romer---With Verdure clad.

Recit. Mr Wilson---And the heavenly host.

Chorus—Awake the Harp

Recit. Mr Wilson- -In splendour bright.

Chorus—The Heavens are telling. The Solo Parts
by Miss Woodham, Mr Wilson and Mr Giubeloi.

Air, Miss Romer—Rejoice greatly—Handel.

Grand Chorus—Hallelujah to the Father—Beethoven

BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND PARTS.

Will be Played a Grand SEPTETTO (Beethoven)

By Messrs. Mori, Puzzi, Lindley, Dragonetti, Willman,
Moralt, and Beaumann.

PART II.

Chorus—The Arm of the Lord—Haydn.

Air—Miss Romer—If guiltless Blood—Handel.

Cantata—Mr Wilson—Miriam—Neukornm.

Chorus—He gave them Hailstones—Handel

Duet—Mr Wilson and Miss Romer—Qual'anelante—
Marcello

Ballad—Miss F. Woodham—The Flower Girl.

Duetto—Mr Balfe and Madlle Blasis Per piacere
alla Signori—Rossini.

Air—Miss Romer—Let the Bright Seraphim, (Trumpet Obligato, Mr HARPER) Handel.

Aria—Mr M. W. Balfe—Forse ah Forse,—Balfe.

Grand Double Chorus from the Censor.

Between the Second and Third Parts,
Parto,—Miss F. Woodham.—(Clarinet Obligato)
Mr WILLMAN.

PART III.

Overture—Guillaume Tell—Rossini.

Tersetto—Signori Catone, Ruggiero, and Ronconi—
La Scena l'un mare instable—Ricci.

Aria—Miss F. Wyndham—De miei puri—Ricci

Duetto—Signori Catone, and Ronconi—Ah la speme
e come un flore (Corno Obligato, Signor Puzzi.)
Benedict-

Air—Mr Wilson—Listen to Love's call.

Duetto—Madlle Blasis and Signor Torri—Quanto
amore.—Donizetti.

Romance—Signor Catone—Una furtiva lagrima—
Donizetti.

Air—(First Time) Mr M. W. Balfe—The Light of
other Days—Balfe

Duetto Buffo—Signori Ronconi, and Bellini—Ciel
ridenti—Donizetti.

Finale from 'the Cenerentola (by Particular Desire)
Miss Romer, accompanied by Full Chorus.

Air—Madlle Blasis—Una voce poca fa,—Rossini.

Duetto--Madame Giannoni and Signor Catone--Mal
Piu--Coppola.

Romance--Madame Giannoni--Il mio Babbo mi dicea
--Ricci,

Finale--L'Elisir d'More, Mademoiselle Blasis, Signori
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ST. JAMES'S—A *veto* being put on the usual performances of this Theatre, last night, the manager got up for the occasion an entertainment, the first part of which was a selection of Sacred Music by Handel, in which Mr. Braham sang "Deeper and deeper still," and "Total eclipse," and never did we hear him infuse more feeling and expression in his singing; no other singer can be compared to him in sacred music. Miss Rainforth sang "Farewell ye limpid streams" with good taste, and the Misses Smith merited the encore they obtained to the duet "O lovely peace." At the end of the part, Messrs. Boleno, Duellin, and Simon exhibited their clever feats; after which Mr. Harley treated us with two of his comic songs, and Mr. Braham gave "Mad Tom" and "The Bay of Biscay." &c. &c. The whole terminated with *Tableaux Vivans*.—There was a very good house.

ADELPHI.—It being contrary to the good pleasure of the Lord Chamberlain to give a dramatic performance on the 30th of Jan. the proprietors of this Theatre gave a curious melange last night, consisting of the eternal "Jim Crow," the feats of the Bedouin Arabs, imitations by Yates, comic singing by J. Reeves, and a series of Magic Views. Yates gives, we hear, £120 a week to the Arabs, and £40 per week to Rice, no wonder he is not making money.

The Sacred Harmonic Society are going to perform Mendelssohn's new Oratorio, *St. Paul*, at Exeter Hall, on the 21st of February. This great work has only been performed in England

at the last Liverpool Festival, and its first performance in London is a matter of great musical interest. We trust the society will bestow all possible care upon the production of so noble a composition.

We are sorry to announce the death of Mr. Charles Broad at St. Vincent, in the West Indies, on the 15th of October last. Mr. Broad was well known in the theatrical world, having been successively manager of the Queen's and Victoria Theatres, as also of the King's Theatre, when Monck Mason was the lessee; he possessed considerable talent as an architect, as a specimen of which we may point out the Strand Theatre, and he wrote several successful dramas and poems. The unfortunate result of a law suit with Mr. Braham concerning the building of the St. James's Theatre, was the cause of his leaving England; he was much respected in private life.

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Richard the Third.

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Prince of Wales, Miss LANE.
Duke of York,.....Miss MALE,
Henry, Earl of Richmond, Mr H. WALLACK,
Tressel,.....Mr J. WEBSTER,
Norfolk, Mr RANSFORD,
Stanley, Mr THOMPSON, Catesby, Mr BENDER,
Ratcliffe, Mr HARRIS, Oxford, Mr COLLETT,
Blunt, Mr BECKETT, Lord Mayor, Mr TILBURY,
Lieutenant of the Tower, Mr HUCKEL,
Dighton, Mr JONES, Forrest, Mr PAULO,
Lady Anne. Miss VINCENT,
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Duchess of York, Mrs GARRICK,

To conclude with, (8th time) an entirely New Original Drama
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The Country Squire;

OR, TWO DAYS AT THE HALL.

Squire Broadlands Mr W. FARREN,
Horace Aurelius Selwood, Mr J. WEBSTER,
George Selwood Mr PRITCHARD,
Sparrow, Mr WEBSTER,
Richard, Mr J. SMITH, Samuel, Mr COLLETT,
John, Mr BECKETT, Guard, Mr HARRIS,
Williams, Mr PAULO,
Morris Dancers, Tenants, &c.—Messrs. Gouriet,
Wilson. Evans, King, Smith, Jones, &c.
Fanny Markham Miss VINCENT,
Sophy Herbert, Miss LEE,
Temperance, Mrs GLOVER, Alice, Miss Nicholson.
Morris Dancers, Misses Lacey, Hunt, &c.

To morrow, The Duchess de la Valliere, and The Country Squire.

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

This Evening, (Second Time at this Theatre) the Opera of
The Mountain Sylph

The Overture and Music composed by Mr. JOHN BARNETT.

Donald, (betrothed to Jessie) Mr WILSON;

Christie, (his Rival) Mr DURUSET,

Hela, (Wizard of the Glen) Mr H. PHILLIPS,

(His 2nd Appearance this Season.)

Witches:—Morna, Mr S. Jones, Elpsa, Mr Tolkien, Kelpie, Mr Butler,

Astaroth, Mr F. Sutton, Beilie Macwhapple, Mr BEDFORD,

Hobbie, Mr Mears, Villagers, &c.

Eolia, (the Mountain Sylph,—her original character) Miss ROMER,

Etheria, (the Sylphide Queen) Miss POOLE,

Attendant Sylph, Miss MARSHALL, Dame Gourlie, Miss Somerville,

Jessie, (her Daughter) Miss F. HEALY.

INTERIOR OF A SCOTCH FARM.

HIGHLAND FLING.

Appearance of the Wizard of the Glen!

INCANTATION!

The Witches' Ocean Haunt. Cavern of the Wizard. with Cauldron, and Preparations for the Infernal Invocation.

Assembly of the Witches, preceded by their Imps and Reptiles.

The Sea Controlled by the Spell. Appearance of Astaroth, And approach of the Salamanders from their Caves.—Completion of the Charm.—Dance of Demons, and eccentric Scenic display.

Open Glade in a Forest. Distant View of the Village Church.

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ABODE OF THE SYLPHIDE QUEEN.

To conclude with, a New Grand Ballet, (in Three Acts,) entitled **THE**

Devil on Two Sticks.

Asmodeus, Mr WIELAND, Cleophas, Mr G. GILBERT,
Don Giles, Mons. GOURRIET. Bellaspada, Mr HOWELL,
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Doctor, Mr T. MATTHEWS, Hair-Dresser, Mr F. SUTTON,

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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

THERE was a regular row at this Theatre last night, in consequence of Macready being unable, from a relapse, to play in *Richard the Third*, and Vandenhoff, who was his substitute last week, being also suffering from the prevailing epidemic. H. Wallack attempted to play the part, but the opposition was so violent that he was obliged to give up the attempt. In this dilemma nothing could be done but playing overtures, &c. till past ten o'clock, when Farren having arrived, *Petticoat Government*, and *The Country Squire*, were performed, but the audience were in such ill humour that scarcely a word was heard.

Among the assets recently stated in the balance sheet of a bankrupt, named Cochet, is the sum of 3000 francs arising from the occupation as chief *claqueur*, (hired applauder,) to the Theatre du Vaudeville, in Paris, a situation for the good will of which the bankrupt had paid 2000 francs, and which brings in 550 francs per month. This revenue arises principally from the sale of tickets, a certain number of which are allowed as perquisites to the *claqueurs* for every representation, and which they dispose of at less than the regular price. It was said a short time since that a French fellow had arrived in London to organise this system here, and that he had offered his services to M. Laporte.

A Liverpool paper says that Ellen Tree had an overflowing house for her Benefit at the National Theatre, New York, on the 28th of December. Master Burke made his appearance on the following evening as *Romeo*, and *Doctor O'Tool*. Celeste is at present the greatest star in New York; she played *Vanderdecken* for the first time on the 29th ult. The Bowery Theatre, which was burnt to the ground a short time ago, has been rebuilt in an incredibly short space of time. Mr. Dinneford, from the Franklin Theatre, has become the lessee. Hamlin, the former proprietor, made a large fortune there; his wife, (daughter of Blanchard,) from whom he is separated, is coming to England to institute a suit for defamation against Wood the singer. Mr. and Mrs. Barrett, who have long been favorites on the American stage, have arrived in London, and it is expected will shortly

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Montague Mr TILBURY,
Capulet, Mr THOMPSON,
Romeo Mr G. BENNETT,
Paris, Mr ROBERTS,
Mercutio, Mr H. WALLACK,
Friar Lawrence, Mr PRITCHARD,
Friar John. Mr HUCKEL, Benvolio, Mr HARRIS,
Peter, Mr WEBSTER,
Tybalt, Mr J. WEBSTER, Gregory, Mr M'IAN,
Sampson, Mr ROSS, Apothecary, Mr J. SMITH,
Abram, Mr BECKETT, Balthazar, Mr COLLETT.
Page, Miss LANE.

Juliet, Miss H. FAUCIT,
Lady Capulet Mrs W. WEST,
Nurse, Mrs GLOVER,

In Act I.--A Masquerade & Dance

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OWING to the indisposition of Macready and Vandenhoff, the repetition of *The Duchess de la Valliere* is necessarily deferred, and as a sort of *pis aller*, they were obliged to perform here last night the Tragedy of *Romeo and Juliet*, followed by *The Country Squire*. Considering how prevalent the influenza is, it is surprising so few of the performers have been laid up. The Opera Comique, at Paris, was closed last week, all their principal vocalists being ill, and Mrs. Waylett caused great disappointment at the Birmingham Theatre, the other evening, being unable to continue her part of *Kate Kearney* from illness.

DRURY LANE THEATRE.

BALFE's Opera of *The Siege of Rochelle* was performed here last evening, in order, as the bills state "to silence the unjust insinuations against the composer of that popular Opera on the subject of Ricci's *Chiara di Rosenberg*." We feel confident that those who, like us, have heard the two Operas, will allow that Balfe's is by far the best Opera, and that it was impossible, considering the similarity, nay the identity of the musical situations, to avoid something like a resemblance, and certainly some of the *morceaux* are alike in the *motivi*, though very differently worked out. The Opera was followed by the Pantomime.

ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.—The Operatic Burletta of *The Lord of the Manor* was performed for the first time at this Theatre on Tuesday night, and will be repeated during the week. Taken as a whole we scarcely ever saw this Opera better done; all the resources of this Theatre (with the exception of the proprietor himself) were put into requisition, and both the acting and singing elicited fervent and unanimous applause. *Sir John Contrast* and his son were personated with great ability by Strickland and Forester, and Harley was inimitable in *Moll Flaggon*, not even Liston himself could have moved our risible faculties more effectually. The vocal parts, (though they were all first appearances) were all cleverly sustained. Leffler was *Rashly*, and Bennett *Trumore*; the latter sang with exquisite purity and feeling, and was greatly applauded. Miss Rainforth as *Annette* acted with a great deal of pleasing archness and vivacity; her song of "The Dashing White Sargeant" was most enthusiastically encored. The Misses Smith, who are much improved in their acting, were the *Sophy* and *Peggy*. In *The Enchanted Horn*, Braham delighted his audience as *Sir Huon*, and *The Quaker* wound up the entertainments, in a pleasing manner.

THE THEATRICAL OBSERVER.

LYCEUM.—On Tuesday night, an Operetta, (oddly enough styled in the bills a Comedietta,) called *Un Anno ed un Giorno*, composed by Benedici, was performed for the first time in this country with moderate success. This bagatelle was composed for the *debut* of young Lablache, at Naples, in September last; its plot is very simple. A peasant girl, (Giannoni,) is betrothed to a young soldier, (Ronconi,) who is going to join his regiment, but promises to return in a year and a day to claim the hand of his beloved. He exceeds his time by one day, and finds that the lady has found another lover, (Fanny Wyndham;) he generously however waves his claim, and his faithless fair marries her new choice. The music is light and tasteful, and the air sung by Miss Wyndham, with a charming horn obligato, by Puzzi, was warmly encoed. The Operetta will be repeated to-night for the benefit of Madlle. Blasis.

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Shuffle, Mr WEBSTER,

Lucretia, Miss PELHAM, Mary, Miss NICHOLSON.

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

This Evening, (3rd Time at this Theatre) the Opera of
The Mountain Sylph

The Overture and Music composed by Mr. JOHN BARNETT.

Donald, (betrothed to Jessie) Mr WILSON;

Christie, (his Rival) Mr DURUSET,

Hela, (Wizard of the Glen) Mr H. PHILLIPS,

(His 3rd Appearance this Season.)

Witches:—Morna, Mrs. Jones, Elpsa, Mr Tolkien, Kelpie, Mr Butler,

Astaroth, Mr F. Sutton, Beilie Macwhapple, Mr BEDFORD,

Hobbie, Mr Mears, Villagers, &c.

Eolia, (the Mountain Sylph,—her original character) Miss ROMER,

Etheria, (the Sylphide Queen) Miss POOLE,

Attendant Sylph, Miss MARSHALL, Dame Gourlie, Miss Somerville,

Jessie, (her Daughter) Miss F. HEALY.

INTERIOR OF A SCOTCH FARM.

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Appearance of the Wizard of the Glen!

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The Witches' Ocean Haunt. Cavern of the Wizard. with Cauldron, and

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Assembly of the Witches, preceded by their Imps and Reptiles.

The Sea Controlled by the Spell. Appearance of Astaroth,

And approach of the Salamanders from their Caves.—Completion of the Charm.—

Dance of Demons, and eccentric Scenic display.

Open Glade in a Forrest. Distant View of the Village Church.

SALAMANDRINE CAVERNS.

ABODE OF THE SYLPHIDE QUEEN.

To conclude with, a New Grand Ballet, (in Three Acts,) entitled **THE**

Devil on Two Sticks.

Asmodeus, Mr WIELAND, Cleophas, Mr G. GILBERT,

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Ballet-Master, Mr HEATH Inspector, Mr KING,

Stage-Manager, Mr BOULANGEN,

Doctor, Mr T. MATTHEWS, Hair-Dresser, Mr F. SUTTON,

Florinda, (a Dancer of the Opera) Madlle DUVERNAY.

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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

LAST evening, Beazley's Musical Drama of *Ivanhoe*; or, *the Knight Templar* was revived at this Theatre. This Drama, in which the author has adhered as closely as possible to the novel of Sir Walter Scott, was produced in 1820, and though cast with all the talent of the then strong company, including Misses Stevens and Foote. Messrs. Liston, Emery, Macready, Farren, Sinclair, &c. was but moderately successful. With its present cast it is not likely to prove more attractive, though some of the characters were well sustained last night, especially those of *Isaac*, by H. Wallack, *Wamba*, by Webster, *Friar Tuck*, *Allan a Dale*, and *Ivanhoe*, by Ransford, M'lan and Pritchard, and *Rebecca* by Miss Vincent, and we must say it was greatly applauded by a good house. The Drama was followed by the *Country Squire*, and *The Chimney Piece*.

OLYMPIC.—The return of Liston, and the re-appearance of Vestris have so increased the attraction at this Theatre, that it is literally crammed every night. *The Two Figaros*, which is gay and sparkling, & acted to perfection, retains all its popularity, and *Riquet with the Tuft* will run through the whole season; were it only for the admirable manner in which all the characters are dressed, it would well repay a visit to this Theatre to see the latter piece. The popular Burletta of *The Barrack Room* will be repeated on Monday next.

VICTORIA.—Since the reduction of the prices, this Theatre has been crowded nightly, and the gorgeous manner in which *Richard Plantagenet*, and *The Jewess*, have been got up, has made those pieces so popular, that hitherto there has been no occasion to change them. Various novelties are however in preparation, viz. a Nautical Drama by Haines, the author of *Poll and my Partner Joe*, an Eastern Tale of Enchantment, which will be produced with great splendor, and a new Burletta.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.—Sheridan Knowles has been going through the round of his favorite characters at this Theatre during the last fortnight, and has drawn good houses; to-night he plays *Virginus*, and to-morrow *Macbeth*. A new Drama, in

three acts, of powerful interest is in rehearsal, entitled *Abduction; or, the Farmer's Daughter*; Miss Grey will personate the heroine.

The following letter, (the original of which was in the collection of the late Mr. Mathews) in addition to its other merits, of style, composition &c. proves the singular effect which theatrical representations produce on spectators of a certain class, in regard to the persons who embody the different characters represented, a mixture of respect and familiarity.

"Mr. Wrench,—Sir—Please to excuse my freedom as a stranger to you, but I have had the pleasure of seeing you many times at the Theatre in Oxford. Mr. Wrench, J. W—, presents most respectful compliments to Mr. W. begs the favour of his company at dinner to-day at 2 o'clock to meet a few friends—and in the evening we intend to visit your Theatre. I hope you will excuse this short notice.
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Cinderella, Miss ROMER,
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Fairy Queen, Miss POOLE.

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 he felt his dignity hurt at being made a stop gap for Macready !

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GREAT expectations are formed of the success of John Barnett's
 new Opera of *Fair Rosamond*, and all the singers are delighted
 with the music of their respective parts. It is definitively settled
 that Miss Romer is to personate the heroine, Miss Betts the Queen,
 H. Phillips the King, and Giubelei *Sir Thomas Clifford*, the
 other characters by Seguin, Wilson, Henry, and Miss Poole. Mr.
 Serle, we have heard, wrote the libretto, and a great deal of the
 plot is worked out in concerted music. As the Opera has not yet
 been rehearsed on the stage, it must be still sometime before it
 can be produced, as John Barnett will take care not to have it hur-
 ried out for the sake of his own reputation. He bitterly complained
 of the haste with which his music was produced, which he com-
 posed for *The Bold Stroke for a Wife*. The performances here
 yesterday evening were the Opera of *Cinderella*, and the Pan-
 tomime.

The night the Comedy of *The Young Quaker* was brought
 out at the Haymarket Theatre, there was throughout the Play
 only a single hiss, and that from only one person; this was as
 Edwin, in *Clod*, stopped at a table to drink a glass of wine,
 Edwin said to the author the next day, "Never introduce drink-
 ing into a piece that comes out in a Summer Theatre; for in
 the gallery they are so confoundedly squeezed and hot and
 parched, that last night a great thirsty fellow envied me being
 alone in a large room with a bumper of cooling wine in my grasp.

Some years ago, when there was an Italian Opera at the Smock
 Alley Theatre in Dublin, Giordani the dancer, who could not
 speak English, comes to the pit door, and, as he was free of the
 house, expected to be admitted to sit and see the Play. The door-
 keeper, not knowing him, refused to let him in; at the same
 time people were entering, paying their money, &c. Giordani
 suddenly hit upon this expedient; stepping back, he gave a
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Phœbus de Chateaupers, Mr COLLINS,
Ernest, Mr J. WEBSTER, Gringoire, Mr WEBSTER,
Quasimodo, Mr H. WALLACK,
Clopin, Mr RANSFORD, in which he will introduce
'THE GYPSEY KING.'
Verger, Mr HARRIS, Herald, Mr BENDER,
Esmeralda, Miss VINCENT,
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Fleur de Lys, Miss LACEY,
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Julie, Mrs GARRICK.

After which, the laughable Farce of

Petticoat Government.

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| Hectic, Mr W. FARREN, | Clover, Mr PRITCHARD, |
| Stump, Mr TILBURY, | Bridoon, Mr THOMPSON, |
| Mrs Carney, Mrs GLOVER | Annabella, Miss LEE. |

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The Country Squire;

OR, TWO DAYS AT THE HALL.

Squire Broadlands Mr W. FARREN,
Horace Aurelius Selwood, Mr J. WEBSTER,
George Selwood Mr PRITCHARD,
Sparrow, Mr WEBSTER,
Richard, Mr J. SMITH, Samuel, Mr COLLETT,
John, Mr BECKETT, Guard, Mr HARRIS,
Williams, Mr PAULO,
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Wilson. Evans, King, Smith, Jones, &c.
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Sophy Herbert, Miss LEE,
Temperance, Mrs GLOVER, Alice, Miss Nicholson.

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

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Donald, (betrothed to Jessie) Mr WILSON;
Christie, (his Rival) Mr DURUSET,
Hela, (Wizard of the Glen) Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Astaroth, Mr F. Sutton, Bailie Macwhapple, Mr BEDFORD,
Eolia, (the Mountain Sylph,—her original character) Miss ROMER,
Etheria, (the Sylphide Queen) Miss POOLE,
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Jessie, (her Daughter) Miss F. HEALY.

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The late Jack Bannister had the advantage of being a handsome man; his figure was good, his face intelligent, and his eye a ball of brilliant fire, yet his line was limited. He wanted elegance for the man of fashion, and finish for the fop, but as the easy English humorist, the Englishman of middle age, and of middle fortune, the man of independence, oddity, originality, and pleasantry, he was altogether unrivalled. He could adopt the vivacity, the grave, and even the melancholy, but the restless generosity of his eye, and the almost irrepressible gladness of his smile, showed that his province was the eccentric, the good natured and the gay."—*Sunday Journal*.

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Dighton, Mr JONES, Forrest, Mr PAULO,
Lady Anne, Miss VINCENT,
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To conclude with, the Nautical Drama, called

Black Eyed Susan ; Or, 'All in the Downs.'

*The Overture and the whole of the Music selected from
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Admiral, Mr THOMPSON,
Captain Crosstree Mr J. WEBSTER,
Doggrass, Mr TILBURY,
Hatchet, Mr BENDER, Seaweed, Mr HARRIS,
William, (with a Song) Mr T. P. COOKE,
(His First Appearance at this Theatre these Five Years.)
Blue Peter, Mr COLLINS,
In which he will introduce the Ballad of "Black Ey'd Susan."
Knatbrain, Mr WEBSTER,
Jacob Twig, Mr ROSS, Quid, Mr COLLETT,
Yarn, Mr Ludford, Ploughshare, Mr Johnson.

Black Eyed Susan, Miss VINCENT.
Dolly Mayflower Miss NICHOLSON.

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Double Hornpipe, by Mr T. P. Cooke & Mad. Vedy

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Brabantio Mr MATHEWS,
Othello, Mr EDWIN FORREST,
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Miller, Mr HUCKEL,
Rowena, Miss LAND, Elzitha, Miss NICHOLSON,
Ulrica, Mrs W. WEST.

NORMANS.—Ivanhoe, Mr PRITCHARD,

Sir Brian de Bois Gilbert Mr J. WEBSTER,
Sir Reginald Front de Bœuf, Mr VANDENHOFF,
Sir Maurice de Braev..... Mr BENDER,
Prior Aymer, Mr THOMPSON, Eustace, Mr ROBERTS.
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Herald, Mr COLLETT, Oswald, Mr BECKETT,

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William, (with a Song) Mr T. P. COOKE,
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Knatbrain, Mr WEBSTER,
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Numitorius, Mr DIDDEAR, Lucius, Mr BAKER,
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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

THE Musical Drama of *Ivanhoe* was repeated here yesterday evening, with the laughable Farce of *The Chimney Piece*, and the Nautical Drama of *Black Ey'd Susan*. It would seem that there are to be no Oratorios this Lent either at this Theatre or the rival establishment, as in the play bills it is announced there will be no performance on Friday.

OLYMPIC.—The revival of *The Two Queens* at this house on Monday, with the appearance of Vestris in three pieces, attracted one of the fullest audiences of the season, and the whole of the entertainments went off with the greatest spirit. Miss Murray sustained Mrs. Hooper's part of the *Queen of Sweden* with great spirit, and Vestris was charming in the sister Queen. The same three pieces, viz. *The Two Figaros*, *The Two Queens*, and *Riquet with the Tuft*, were repeated last night with the same result.

ADELPHI.—On Monday night, a new piece, called *The Peacock and the Crow*, by Mr. Parry, the author of *The Man and the Tiger*, was produced at this Theatre (where the *Jim Crow* mania is still raging,) in order to introduce Mr. Rice in a new character, and that gentleman contrived to keep the audience in such good humor by his jumpings and turnings that the piece was received with a degree of favor which its intrinsic merits did not deserve. The plot is both obscure and improbable, and the dialogue powerless and insipid. Mr. Rice introduced two or three songs, which were encored, and his eternal "*Jim Crow*," he sang four times. It would be unfair not to state that all the performers concerned in it exerted themselves to the utmost to secure the success of the piece quite as much as Mr. Rice, they were Buckstone, Wilkinson, Mrs. Sterling, and Miss Daly. We do not calculate that *The Peacock and the Crow* will fly long together.

We copy the following distressing and awful event from *The Caledonian Mercury*:—"On Thursday fortnight, with a view to raise a fund for the relief of the poor, a number of intelligent denizens of Mid Calder had under the patronage of their worthy minister, Dr. Summers and others, resolved to give a theatrical entertainment, and the Play fixed upon was *Rob Roy*. The performance had proceeded with very considerable credit

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Aug. 3, 1815,

SIR.—I write these few lines to you, hoping that i shall succeed in what i am trying for, i am very unhappy, now my mind is all on being a stage actor, and if you will have the goodness to stepp down to 35, Devonshire Street, Portland Place, to day, i shall be very much obliged to you, as I have not time to come to the Haymarket.

I remain, your's &c.—R.R.

Some years ago a Reverend Doctor brought with him from Ireland, his native country, five Tragedies, and five Comedies, which he wished to have acted. He contrived to get introduced to Mr. Harris, the manager of Covent Garden, and requested to be allowed to read to him two of his works; a Tragedy, called *Lord Russel*, and a Comedy, *Draw the Long Bow*. Mr. Harris assented, and sat with great patience and much pain listening to the Doctor reading through four acts of a play, when Mr. Harris remarked that it was fine, indeed excellent; but Doctor, don't you think it time for your hero to make his appearance? "Hero, Sir! what hero?" "Your principal character Lord Russel. You are in the fourth act, and Lord Russel has not been on yet." "Lord Russel, Sir!" exclaimed the Doctor; "Why Sir, I have been reading to you my Comedy of *Draw the Long Bow*." "Indeed, I beg you a thousand pardons for my dulness, but I thought it was your Tragedy of *Lord Russel* you had been reading to me." The angry author started from his chair, thrust his manuscript into his pocket, and ran out of the house.

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Dr. Johnson drinking tea one day at Garrick's with Mr. Langton, he was asked if he was not somewhat of a heretic as to Shakspeare. Said Garrick, "I doubt he is a little of an infidel." "Sir, (said Johnson,) I will stand by the lines I have written on Shakspeare in my prologue at the opening of your Theatre." Mr. Langton suggested that in the line

'And panting Time toil'd after him in vain,'

Johnson might have had in his eye the passage in *The Tempest*, where *Prospero* says of *Miranda*

'She will outstrip all praise,

And make it toil behind her.'

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A correspondent writes to us from Paris that the health of Taglioni is so uncertain that she cannot be relied on from night to night, and that she has set all the scandal-mongers of Paris talking about a *liaison d'amour* which she is said to have formed with a young Parisian exquisite of 18, on whom she lavishes all her gains. He adds, that Fanny Elser runs her hard with the parterre, and that Mile. Fitzjames (a natural daughter of the Duke de Fitzjames,) who is exquisitely beautiful, has run away with the hearts of all Duvernay's admirers. Some of the members of the Committee of the Theatrical Fund of this Theatre have proposed to give their next Anniversary Festival, which takes place next month, on the stage of this Theatre, some objected to this proposition, and it was decided to take the opinion of His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, who is perpetual President, on the subject.

ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.—Yesterday evening O'Keefe's Opera of *The Castle of Andalusia*, compressed into a Burletta of two acts, and rechristened *Pedrillo*, was represented here, and Mr. Leffler played for the first time the part of *Don Cæsar*; we regret that we cannot award him much praise, he relies too much on his fine voice, but he must study very hard before he can hope to attain any high rank in his profession, and what is inexcusable, he was dreadfully imperfect. Miss Rainforth was the *Lorenza*, and we have never seen her look so well, her *coiffure à l'Espagnolle*, with a black lace mantilla, was extremely becoming to her; she played with spirit, and sang sweetly. Gardener was amusing as *Spado*, and Harley, who was redolent of fun, played *Pedrillo* inimitably well; we never heard any

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Death of Cervitto.—This once celebrated violoncello player, breathed his last on the 5th instant, aged 90. He had been a member of the Royal Society of Musicians for 72 years, and was in the habit of attending the Philharmonic, and other concerts, (not as a performer.) during the whole of last season. Cervitto's father was the leader of the Drury Lane Band in the time of Garrick, and in consequence of his very prominent nose, the people in the gallery used to call out 'Play up nosey,' hence the origin of that phrase, not unfrequently used at the Theatre now-a-days.

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ADELPHI.—The performances at this Theatre last night offer a perfect anomaly in dramatic affairs, as the entire entertainment was certainly as far removed from sacred matters as any that ever was presented on the stage; yet this is connived at by the authorities, who would issue their veto against a moral Drama. We do not blame Mr. Yates, he does the best he can for himself, and is perfectly justified in so doing. There was Rice jumping 'Jim Crow,' J. Reeve singing his comic songs, Yates, his wife, and that clever little woman, Mrs. Fitzwilliam, *acting* or personating a variety of characters illustrating a variety of passions, added to which the Bedouin Arabs exhibited their extraordinary feats. We should like to know what rendered this entertainment less profane than the usual performances.

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DRURY LANE THEATRE.

YESTERDAY evening we had a Tragedy by an American author at this Theatre, Howard Payne's *Brutus*, (though by the way it is but a compilation from the Plays on the same subject by Cumberland, Lee, Downman, and Duncombe,) which was acted for the first time these two years, that Mr. Forrest might personate the character from which the Play takes its title. Mr. Forrest's performance of *Brutus*, though it will not greatly enhance will not injure his reputation, his forte lies in boisterous declamation, and the portrayal of violent passions, & those parts of the character which gave scope for the display of his peculiar talent, he made the most of; his curse of *Tarquin* he gave with terrific truth & energy; it elicited three rounds of applause; his last act was, in comparison with what Kean did for it, very ineffective, and went off with but little applause. He was called forward at the end of the Play, but the call not being as unanimous as it sometimes is, he seemed to obey the summons with reluctance. Sheridan's amusing Comedy of *The Critic*, which followed the Tragedy, introduced another American actor, a Mr. Barrett, in the part of *Puff*. This gentleman should in our opinion be rather thinking of taking his final leave of the stage, than entering on a fresh career, the ravages of time begin to shew themselves in the most marked manner both in his form and features, and despite rouge, and all the accessories of the toilette, he looks any age from 45 to 55. He is tall, too tall for the stage, his carriage inelegant, he has an inexpressive, and by no means a handsome face, and a voice without any flexibility; what could have induced the lessee to have engaged him we cannot conceive, unless it was his coming from America. He is not a positive bad actor, but he is as far removed from a

good one; Mr. Baker, whom he somewhat resembles, would have played *Puff* quite as well. A puff which Mr. Barrett introduced in his part for Mr. Forrest called forth the most unequivocal symptoms of disapprobation, and several persons said it was in very bad taste to puff his countryman; for our own part we are inclined to think Mr. Barrett is not a fellow countryman with Mr. Forrest, but an Irishman, for he appeared to have a strong taste of the brogue. The Comedy was not well acted; Bartley is the worst representative of *Sir Fretful Plagiary* we ever saw; he can neither look or act the part. Warde and Brindal were careless. Mrs. Humby and Mrs. Jones, as *Tilburina* and her confidant were the only performers who deserve praise; they were excellent. The entertainments concluded with the Romance of *Blue Beard*.—There was a very good house, the pit and galleries were so inconveniently crowded that the opening scene of *The Critic* was for some time inaudible from the noise of contending parties for seats.

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Phœbus de Chateaupers, Mr COLLINS,
Ernest, Mr. WEBSTER, Gringoire, Mr WEBSTER,
Quasimodo, Mr H. WALLACK,
Clopin, Mr RANSFORD, in which he will introduce
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Esmeralda, Miss VINCENT,
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King Lear Mr EDWIN FORREST
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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

THE entertainments at this house yesterday evening were the Drama of *Quasimodo*, *The Pilot*, and *The Country Squire*. A new Nautical Drama, written, as the play-bills state, expressly to exhibit the talent of T. P. Cooke, is in rehearsal, and will be produced on Saturday. We have heard that it is Haines's *Poll and my Partner Joe*. Mr. H. Wallack and his wife, Miss Turpin, are engaged at the Victoria for the Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent, when this Theatre is closed; they appear there to-night in the Drama of *Charles the Second*, as *Captain Copp* and *Mary*. Mr. Cathcart, who made his *debut* at this Theatre a few seasons ago as *Jaffier*, and afterwards played *Cromwell*, in his patroness's (Miss Mitford's,) Play of *Charles the First*, at the Victoria, played *Sir Giles Overreach* last week, at the Dublin Theatre with great success.

The early days of Kean.—Shortly after Mrs. Carey joined the company of the late eccentric Richardson, the travelling showman, Edmund, (since the celebrated Kean,) made his first appearance in *Tom Thumb*, and his mother acted *Queen Dol-lalolla*. At Windsor fair, Edmund again performed *Tom Thumb*, when to the great astonishment of Master Richardson, he received a note from the Castle, commanding Master Carey to recite several passages from different plays before his Majesty George the Third. Richardson was highly gratified at the receipt of the note, but he was equally perplexed how to comply with the commands of the King. The letter came late on Saturday night, and as the wardrobe of Master Carey was rather scanty, it was necessary to add to it before he could appear before Royalty. The purse of Richardson was nearly empty, and to add to his dilemma, all the shops belonging to the Jews were shut, and the only chance left was their being open on the Monday morning. Among the Jews, Richardson purchased a market

and trousers and body linen, and the manager tied the collar of his shirt with a black ribbon, and when dressed Master Carey looked very smart. The King and the Court were much pleased with Edmund's performance; he was pronounced an astonishing boy, but the present he received was rather small, being only two guineas, though it turned out fortunate for the family. The principal conversation at Windsor for a few day was about the talent displayed by Master Carey before the King; his mother therefore took advantage of this circumstance, and immediately engaged the Town Hall for three nights for Recitations by Edmund. This was an excellent speculation, the Hall overflowed with company every night. Mrs. Carey joined Richardson on the following Monday at Ewell Fair, and all the family, owing to the recent success, came so nicely dressed that the manager scarcely knew them. Mrs. Carey and her children remained with Richardson the whole summer.

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Jessie, (her Daughter) Miss F. HEALY.

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ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.—The only opportunity the public will have during the present season of hearing Sacred Music, will be at this Theatre, where, as last night, every Wednesday and Friday till the house closes, there will be a selection from the celebrated Oratorios of Handel, Haydn, Beethoven, &c. with a Miscellaneous part, and a variety of other entertainments. Braham, who was always unrivalled as a singer of sacred music, continues to delight and astonish his hearers.—The house was quite full last night.

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We recommend such of our readers who may wish to combine instruction with amusement to attend Mr. Adam's Lectures on Astronomy, which he is delivering on the Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent. He divides the Lecture into three sections. The first part comprehends the various theories of the antients respecting the shape of the Earth, and the demonstration by experiment of its true form. In the 2d part, the Tellurian is exhibited by means of which are illustrated the cause of the seasons and their changes. In the second part, Mr. Adams exemplifies the revolution and rotation of the moon, explains the doctrine of eclipses, and describes the nature of the Tides, and the mode in which the influence of the Sun and Moon affects them. In the third division he notices the Ptolemaic Egyptian, Tyconic and Copernican systems, and an orrery is here exhibited, on which is represented the proportional magnitude of the different planets, &c. The clear entertaining style of delivery, the simple and instructive language of the lecture, together with the ingenious apparatus by which it is illustrated, cannot fail to render the

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It is reported that the proprietors of the St. James's, the Adelphi and the Olympic Theatres have petitioned the Lord Chamberlain for an extension of their license, as Lent falling so early this year has shortened their session materially.

The Morning Post, of Saturday, says "Messrs. Bond, we hear, intend having another theatrical campaign. Several extensive arrangements have been made, and the vast resources of those gentlemen are to be applied to effect a season to be distinguished for its fashion, brilliancy, and popularity."—We know not to what Theatre this mysterious paragraph alludes.

It has been stated by a member of the House of Commons, who has taken an active part in matters connected with the stage, that it is in contemplation as soon as the aspect of political affairs is more settled, to bring forward a motion for a committee of inquiry into the whole system of the Lord Chamberlain's office, as far as regards the licensing not only the Theatre, but of dramatic representations. The present system was established exactly a century ago, viz. by the act of 1737, and it is contended that it requires revision and adaptation to the state of society so much changed in that long interval. In 1737, it was thought necessary to give to the licenser £400 a year out of the Privy Purse, besides his fee of two guineas upon the approbation of every production, because at that date the Theatres were few, and the novelties comparatively rare. The situation is now worth twice as much as in 1737.

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Appius Claudius, Mr G. BENNETT,

Siccus Dentatus.....Mr H. WALLACK,

Virginus, Mr HAMBLIN,

Non-mitiorious.....Mr THOMPSON,

Ilcius, Mr PRITCHARD,

Caius Claudius.....Mr HARRIS,

Lucius, Mr J WEBSTER,

Titus.....Mr BENDER,

Sextus, Mr BECKETT,

Vibulanus.....Mr WORRELL,

Spurius Oppius, Mr J SMITH,

Marcus.....Mr COLLETT,

Publius, Mr M'IAN,

Cneius.....Mr HUCKEL,

Servius, Mr RANSFORD.

Virginia, Miss V I N C E N T,

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This Evening, Sheridan's Tragic Play of

## P I Z A R R O.

### PERUVIANS.

Ataliba ..... Mr DIDDEAR,  
Rolla, (First Time) Mr E. FORREST,  
Orozembo, MrBARTLEY, Hualpa, MrSHUTER,  
Oranc, Mr MEARS,  
Topac, Miss Marshall, Husca, Mr Honner.  
Cora, Miss TAYLOR.  
High Priest ..... Mr S. JONES.

### SPANIARDS.

Pizarro, Mr WARDE, Alonzo, Mr COOPER,  
Las Casas, MrMATHEWS, Gomez, MrHOWELL  
Valverde, MrBRINDAL, Sentinel, MrMEADOWS,  
Gomez, Mr Howell, Almagro, Mr F. Cooke,  
Davilla, MrHenry, Soldiers, Mess. Fenton & Hatton.  
Elvira, Miss HUDDART.

After which, the Second Act of Auber's Grand Opera of

## M A S A N I E L L O

Masaniello, Mr WILSON,  
DonAlphonso, MrDURUSET, Lorenzo, MrMEARS,  
Pietro, Mr BEDFORD, Moreno, Mr HENRY,  
Ruffino, Mr F. COOKE.  
Elvira, Miss BETTS, Fenelia, Mad. P. GIUBILEI.

To conclude with, the Romance of

## B L U E B E A R D.

Abomelique, (Blue Beard) Mr MATHEWS,  
Selim, Mr WILSON, Ibrahim, Mr BARTLEY,  
Shacabac, Mr DURUSET, Hassan, Mr HONNER,  
First Spahi, Mr HENRY, Second ditto, Mr F. COOKE,  
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Fatima, Miss BETTS, Irene, Mrs EAST,  
Beda, Mrs HUMBY.

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**DRURY LANE THEATRE.**

YESTERDAY evening, Mr. Forrest appeared in another new character, that of *Rolla*, in the Play of *Pizarro*, and certainly to our thinking it is the one which, as a whole, he sustained most perfectly. He has every personal requisite for the part, and his style of acting is equally calculated to keep up the illusion. He was greatly applauded, especially in the scene with the Sentinel, that in the tent of *Pizarro*, and, where he saves the child; we have never seen any actor since John Kemble, who bore off the child in such a picturesque manner. One act of *Masaniello*, and *Blue Beard*, followed the Play.

**COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.**

MR. HAMBLIN had been announced to play *Coriolanus* here last night, but in the bills of the day the play was changed to that of *Virginus*, in which Mr. Hamblin personated the hero, and we must do him the justice to say that though immeasurably inferior to Macready, he acted with great tact and judgment; he possesses many personal advantages, he has a tall and not ungraceful figure, a rather handsome countenance and expressive eyes; his voice also when not strained is clear, and his declamation is distinct. After the Play, Mr. Haines's Nautical Drama, called *My Poll and My Partner Joe*, which had such a run at the Surrey, was produced here, that T. P. Cooke might appear in his original part of *Harry Hallyard*, which he did, and acted it to the life; the other parts were all well sustained. Miss Vincent played *Mary Maybud*, and looked pretty enough to excuse *Harry's* misery at her loss. H. Wallack and Webster did all that was possible with their respective parts, and the piece altogether went off with great applause.

**ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.**

YESTERDAY evening, after *The Strange Gentleman*, in which Harley kept the risible faculties of his audience in continual play, a new Burletta, by Mrs. Hall, entitled *The French Refugee*, was acted for the first time, and proved a decided hit. The great popularity of Barnett's *Monsieur Jacques*, we conclude induced the fair authoress to take his measure for his part in this piece, and she succeeded in fitting him to a nicety; he acted the part of the Refugee with truth and feeling, and elicited the warmest applause. The story is simply as follows: Monsieur St. Pierre, after 18 years' residence in England as a Refugee, is recalled to France on the restoration of the Bourbons, to be reinstated in his titles and estates; while exulting in the prospect of the brilliant fate which awaits his darling daughter, Louise,

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suspicious of her unworthiness are raised in his mind, and she being bound by an oath to conceal her marriage with a rich young Englishman, leaves him in his error, till wrought on by the despair of her deceived father, she declares her marriage, which is confirmed by her husband, though at the risk of losing great part of his fortune, the fear of which, (as his guardian has the right to alienate the property if she marries without his consent) was the cause of the mystery. The Refugee rejoicing in his daughter's innocence, heeds not the loss of the wealth, and the piece concludes with the happiness of all parties. Miss Allison played the daughter very prettily, but it is a pity she cannot modulate her voice better, her delivery is very monotonous. Miss Julia Smith played a pert country girl extremely well, she will be an excellent comic actress; one of her songs, "The Mountain Mad," was enthusiastically encored. The applause was unanimous throughout, and at the end of the piece Barnett and Miss Allison were called forward to receive renewed testimonials of public approval. *The Quaker*, and *Love is Blind*, were the other pieces.—The house was well filled.

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Sir Reginald Fron de Bœuf, Mr VANDENHOFF,  
Sir Maurice de Bracy, ..... Mr BENDER  
Prior Aymer, Mr THOMPSON, Eustace, Mr ROBERTS,  
St. Maur, Mr HARRIS, Sir Lucas de Beaumanoir, Mr TILBURY,  
Conrad, Mr SMITH, Warder, Mr PAULO,  
Herald, Mr COLLETT, Oswald, Mr BECKETT,  
**JEWS.**—Isaac of York, Mr H. WALLACK,  
Rebecca, ..... Miss VINCENT.

### SAXONS.

Cedric of Rotherwood, Mr G. BENNETT,  
Wamba, Mr WEBSTER, Robin Hood, Mr COLLINS,  
Friar Tuck, Mr RANSFORD, Allan-a-Dale, Mr M'IAN,  
Miller, Mr HUCKEL,  
Rowena, Miss LAND, Elgitha, Miss NICHOLSON,  
Ulrica, Mrs W. WEST,

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## Z A Z E Z I Z O Z U !

Zazezizozu, Mr TILBURY, Zizi, Miss TURPIN,  
Zozo, Miss LAND, Zuzu, Miss PELHAM, Crosbec, Mr WEBSTER,  
Cododad, Mr THOMPSON, Double-sight, Mr ARGUS,  
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To-morrow, there will be no Performance.

# Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

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## DER FREISCHUTZ.

Ottocar, Mr HENRY, Bernhard, Mr S. JONES  
Hermit, Mr BUTLER, Adolph, Mr WILSON,  
Witch of the Glen, . . . . . Mr WIELAND,  
Caspar, Mr BEDFORD,  
Kilian, Mr DURUSET, Zamiel, Mr HOWELL,  
Linda, Miss ROMER, Rose, Miss POOLE.

After which, the First Two Acts of the New Grand Ballet, called The

## Devil on Two Sticks !

Asmodeus, Mr WIELAND,  
Cleophas, . . . . . Mr G. GILBERT,  
Don Giles, Mons. GOURRIET,  
Bellaspada, Mr HOWELL, Inspector, Mr KING,  
Ballet Master, Mr HEATH,  
Repetiteur, . . . . . Mr RICHARDSON  
Hair-Dresser, Mr F. SUTTON,  
Stage-Manager . . . . . Mr BOULANGER,  
Valet, Mr HONNER,  
Doctor . . . . . Mr T. MATTHEWS,  
Florinda, (a Dancer of the Opera) Miss BALLIN,  
Paquita, Madame PROCHE GIUBILEI,  
Bella, Miss PINCOTT.

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We understand that an extension of the licenses of the Adelphi, the Olympic, and the St. James's Theatres has been granted for two months, so that they will continue open till the end of May. Charles Kean and Mr. Yates have each made Morris offer for the hire of the Hay-market Theatre; the former has an excellent backer, the Duchess of St. Albans, who has offered him money to any amount he may require, to carry on his campaign. Mr. Morris does not seem likely to accept their proposals; he refused a short time since £3500, money down, from William Farren, who wished to become the lessee.

Mrs. Sparks, whose death we recorded in Monday's number, (though by an error in the press it was printed Sharpe,) made her first appearance in London at Drury Lane Theatre, as *Miss Harlowe*, in Murphy's Farce of *The Old Maid*, so far back as the year 1788, and until she quitted the stage, some 18 or 20 years ago, continued to represent the antiquated and matronly characters of the Drama, which on Miss Pope's retirement, wholly devolved upon her, and in the performance of which she is allowed to have had considerable merit. Her husband, who has been dead some years, was also a performer at the same Theatre, where he made his *debut* shortly after his wife's, as *Gibby*, in *The Wonder*.

A tourist writes thus in a monthly periodical.—"Here at Leamington, to go no further, is a place with ten times the solidly rich inhabitants that Calais has, and yet Calais keeps up its little Theatre, and very tolerable band. They act Vandeilles often; Operas very tolerably, and are never without support even from the most humble. But the French act sensibly in this, as in all their public amusements. They know that it is useless to allow any adventurer to undertake it. The town does it, builds the Theatre, & allows so much towards making it worth going to, and then the leading people take boxes for the season, (or so many sittings) so that the whole thing is secured from the contempt and poverty ours falls into. It is, in short, on a sensible footing. So it is at all French country towns; I mention Calais as one of the worst. Nobody expects excellence, but they at least find both the stage and orchestra respectable. From this let us turn our eyes to Dover, Portsmouth, Bristol, Exeter and

Plymouth; even where we have a good building, all else is in the hand to mouth misery of common barn strollers. To say we have no taste for this sort of amusement is not fact; we have a keener relish for it than the French have. But with us all our cash—all our energies, go to stage coaches and hotel keepers—to the pomp of carriages and enormous dinners, great houses and pompous footmen.

One day when Talma was walking in Paris accompanied by his wife, they were met by a young man of gentlemanly exterior, who eagerly ran and embraced Talma with every demonstration of friendship. Talma on his part seemed delighted to see him. A very animated conversation ensued between them relative to the Drama, which kept them for a considerable time standing in the spot where they had met. At length they wished each other farewell with every demonstration of friendship and interest. "Adieu my friend," said Talma. "Adieu!" said the young gentleman, "I shall very soon come to see you." After they had parted, Talma looked a little surprised, and kept his eyes fixed on the young gentleman till he was out of sight. "Who is that?" enquired his wife. "I can't recollect having seen him before!" "Upon my word I don't know who he is," replied Talma. "But you called him your friend." "Well my dear, he is one of my numerous friends with whom I am acquainted."

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 Macbeth, Mr EDWIN FORREST,  
 Banquo, Mr COOPER, Macduff, Mr WARDE,  
 Rosse, Mr MATHEWS,  
 Fleance . . . . . Miss MARSHALL,  
 Seward, Mr F. COOKE,  
 Hecate . . . . . Mr SEGUIN.  
 1st Witch, Mr BARTLEY.  
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 3rd Witch, Mr SHUTER,  
 Lady Macbeth . . . . . Miss HUDDART,  
 Gentlewoman, Miss SOMERVILLE,  
 In order to give an effect to the Music of this Play, the following eminent  
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Marcus, Mr PAULO, Aruns, Mr BECKETT,

### ROMANS

Caius Marcius Coriolanus, ..... Mr HAMBLIN,

Cominius, Mr G BENNETT,

Menenius, Mr TILBURY, Fulvius, Mr WORRELL,

Appius, Mr BENDER, Young Marcius, Miss MALE,

### *Tribunes of the People.*

Sicinius, Mr THOMPSON, Brutus, Mr HARRIS,

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Donalbain, Miss LEE, Lenox, Mr BAKER,  
Macbeth, Mr EDWIN FORREST,

Banquo, Mr COOPER, Macduff, Mr WARDE,  
Rosse, Mr MATHEWS,

Fleance . . . . . Miss MARSHALL,  
Seward, Mr F. COOKE,

Hecate . . . . . Mr SEGUIN.  
1st Witch, Mr BARTLEY.

2nd Witch . . . . . Mr MEADOWS,  
3rd Witch, Mr SHUTER,

Lady Macbeth . . . . . Miss HUDDART,  
Gentlewoman, Miss SOMERVILLE,

In order to give an effect to the Music of this Play, the following eminent  
Vocal Performers will appear

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Sextus, Mr THOMAS, Lucius, Mr KING,  
Marcus, Mr PAULO, Aruns, Mr BECKETT,  
ROMANS

Caius Marcius Coriolanus,..... Mr HAMBLIN,  
Cominius, Mr G. BENNETT,  
Menenius, Mr TILBURY, Fulvius, Mr WORRELL,  
Appius, Mr BENDER, Young Marcius, Miss MALE,  
*Tribunes of the People.*

Sicinius, Mr THOMPSON, Brutus, Mr HARRIS,  
Citizens—First, Mr WEBSTER,  
Second, Mr ROSS, Third, Mr M'IAN.  
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**COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.**

SHAKSPEARE'S Play of *Coriolanus* was represented at this Theatre last night, and Mr. Hamblin personated for the first time in London the principal character; he looked the part well, and assumed the haughty bearing of the proud Patrician with great success; his principal fault is a tendency to rant; we liked him best in the scene where he solicited the sweet voices of the people, and in the delivery of several passages he evinced a perfect knowledge of stage business. The Play went off but flatly, Mr. Hamblin was, however, called forward at the fall of the curtain. *Poll and my Partner Joe* was the afterpiece.—There was a good house.

**DRURY LANE THEATRE.**

THE Tragedy of *Macbeth*, was repeated here last night, with *The Mountain Sylph*, to a good house. Mr. Forrest's *Macbeth* has been one of his most attractive characters. We subjoin an article, which contains intelligence interesting to the admirers of that gentleman: "We have private letters from Mr. Forrest himself," says the editor of *The Plain Dealer*, (a newly commenced American political and literary journal,) "in which he speaks of his success with modesty, and in terms that shew the most grateful sense of the kindness of the London audience. The letter was written in the unreserved communicativeness of private friendship, and not designed for the public eye; yet we take the liberty so far to violate epistolary confidence as to place the following brief extract before our readers:—"My success in London has been most triumphant. It has greatly exceeded my most sanguine expectations. Here in the very land of Shakspeare, and where his various productions bring audiences to the Theatre who really understand their merits, I have, in some of his noblest characters, the masterpieces of dramatic art, been received with such warmth, such exceeding fervour of applause as must be my excuse for the air of egotism and vanity which my letter will no doubt wear. Not only in my professional efforts, but in my private walks in society, I have been greeted with the utmost kindness. Macready has behaved in the noblest manner, and has taken every occasion to express himself in the handsomest terms concerning me."

OLYMPIC.—Notwithstanding that *The Two Figaros*, and *Riquet with the Tuft* continue to attract crowded audiences at this bijou of a Theatre, the fair lessee produced a new Burletta last night, called *The Sentinel*, which was most flatteringly received. This bagatelle is we hear from the pen of Mr. Morton, and is

founded on one of the thousand, and one anecdotes related of Frederick of Prussia, it is only in one act, and the plot is as simple as possible. A grenadier being placed as a sentinel at a door of the palace, is induced by the persuasions of his beloved Linda (Vestris,) to quit his post, in order to obtain the consent of her father to their union, she taking his place *ad interim*. Whilst on guard Linda is discovered by the Prince Royal, who, through her means, obtains access to the Palace, from whence he had been banished by the King, for refusing to marry the Princess Elizabeth of Brunswick. The King discovers the sentinel's neglect of duty, but forgives him for the sake of his father, who had saved his life, and the piece terminates with the reconciliation of the King with the Prince, and the marriage of the Sentinel and Linda. This trifle was got up in a capital style, and was well acted. James Vining, (though the part was not in his line,) acted the King exceedingly well, and Vestris made a trifling part by the fascination of her manner very amusing. Not a dissenting voice was heard when it was announced for repetition.—Every part of the house was crowded.

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Cinderella, Miss ROMER,  
Clorinda, Miss BETTS, his be, Mrs EAST,  
Fairy Queen, Miss POOLE.

After which, the First Two Act of the New Grand Ballet, called The

## Devil on Two Sticks !

Astnodeus, Mr WIELAND,  
Cleophas, ..... Mr G. GILBERT,  
Don Giles, Mons. GOURRIET,  
Bellaspada, Mr HOWELL, Inspector. Mr KING,  
Ballet Master, Mr HEATH,  
Repetiteur, ..... Mr RICHARDSON  
Hair-Dresser, Mr F. SUTTON,  
Stage-Manager..... Mr BOULANGER,  
Valet, Mr HONNER,  
Doctor..... Mr T. MATTHEWS,  
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**NEW STRAND THEATRE.**—Yesterday evening Mr. Webster repeated his *Whims and Waggeries* to the evident amusement of his audience, and the whole of the entertainments, which are varied and in their way excellent, went off with spirit. Mr. Buck's tricks with the cards are managed with great skill and dexterity, but we would like to know why he attempts to speak with a French accent; it is quite evident he is an Englishman, and that he has little or no knowledge of the French language.

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It being found impossible to get Barnett's new Opera of *Fair Rosamond* ready for production to-night, Tuesday is now announced as the day on which it will positively be done. Barnett is quite right not to have it hurried out; two or three extra rehearsals will do wonders.

The Melodists' Club held their second meeting on Thursday, when a number of songs, duets, glees, &c. were sung by the members. The secretary announced that he had received 73 songs from candidates for the prize offered by the club. In consequence of the number sent in, the club decided on giving an extra premium for the second best song, to be set to music next season by the honorary members who may become competitors for a gold goblet, presented by the vice-president of the club.

The *Courier de la Drome* lately published the following letter from Napoleon to Talma, after the Siege of Toulon:—"I have fought like a lion for the Republic; but my good friend Talma, as my reward I am left to die of hunger. I am at the bottom of all my resources. That miserable fellow Aubry, (then Minister of War,) leaves me in the mire, when he might do something for me. I feel that I have the power of doing more than General Sauterre and Rossignol, and yet they cannot find a corner for me in *La Vandee*, or elsewhere, to give me employment! You are happy, your reputation depends upon yourself alone. Two hours passed on the boards, bring you before the public whence all glory emanates, but for us soldiers, we are forced to pay dearly for fame upon an extensive stage, and after all we are not allowed to maintain it. Therefore do not regret the path you have chosen, remain upon your Theatre. Who knows if I

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shall ever make my appearance again upon mine? I have seen Movael, (a distinguished comediien and dramatic writer,) he is a true friend. Barras makes me fine promises, but will he keep them? I doubt it, in the mean time I am reduced to my last sous. Have you a few crowns to spare me? I will not refuse them, and promise to repay you out of the first kingdom I win by my sword. How happy were the heroes of Ariosto, they had not to depend upon a Minister of War.

Adieu—Your's—BUONAPARTE.

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Felix, Mr. WILSON, Baron Pumpolino, Mr GIUBELEI,  
Alidoro, Mr HENRY, Dandini, Mr SEGUIN,  
Pedro, Mr MEADOWS, Page, Miss MARSHALL,  
Cinderella, Miss ROMER,  
Clorinda, Miss BETTS, Thisbe, Mrs EAST,  
Fairy Queen, Miss POOLE.

After which, the First Two Acts of the New Grand Ballet, called The

## Devil on Two Sticks !

Asmodeus, Mr WIELAND,

Cleophas, ..... Mr G. GILBERT,

Don Giles, Mons. GOURRIET,

Bellaspada, Mr HOWELL, Inspector, Mr KING,

Ballet Master, Mr HEATH,

Repetiteur, ..... Mr RICHARDSON

Hair-Dresser, Mr F. SUTTON,

Stage-Manager, ..... Mr BOULANGER,

Valet, Mr HONNER,

Doctor, ..... Mr T. MATTHEWS,

Florinda, (a Dancer of the Opera) Miss BALLIN,

Paquita, Madame PROCHE GIUBILEI,

Bella, Miss PINCOTT.

To conclude with, (10th Time at this Theatre) the Opera of The

## MOUNTAIN SYLPH.

Donald, ..... (betrothed to Jessie) ..... Mr WILSON,

Christie, (his Rival) Mr DURUSET,

Hela, (Wizard of the Glen) Mr H. PHILLIPS,

Astaroth, Mr F. Sutton; Bailie Macwhapple, Mr BEDFORD,

Witches :—Morna, Mrs S. Jones, Elpsa, Mr Tolkien, Kelpie, Mr Butler,

Eolia, (the Mountain Sylph,—her original character) Miss ROMER

Etheria, (the Sylphide Queen) Miss POOLE,

Attendant Sylph, Miss MARSHALL, Dame Gourlie, Miss Somerville

Jessie, (her Daughter) Miss F. HEALY.

## INTERIOR OF A SCOTCH FARM.

HIGHLAND FLING.

### Appearance of the Wizard of the Glen !

The Witches' Ocean Haunt. Cavern of the Wizard, with Cauldron, and

Preparations for the Infernal Invocation.

Assembly of the Witches, preceded by their Imps and Reptiles.

*The Sea Controlled by the Spell. Appearance of Astaroth,*

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*Dance of Demons, and eccentric Scenic display.*

Open Glade in a Forrest. Distant View of the Village Church.

SALAMANDRINE CAVERNS.

ABODE OF THE SYLPHIDE QUEEN.

## Theatre Royal, Covent Garden.

This Evening, the Drama of

# QUASIMODO,

## Or, the Bell-Ringer of Notre Dame

Claude Frolo, Mr G. BENNETT,  
The Grand Provost ..... Mr THOMPSON,  
Phœbus de Chateaupers, Mr COLLINS,  
Ernest, Mr J. WEBSTER, Gringoire, Mr WEBSTER,  
Quasimodo, Mr WALLACK, Clopin, Mr RANSFORD,  
Esmeralda, Miss VINCENT,  
Madame Gondelaurier..... Miss PELHAM,  
Fleur de Lys, Miss LEE,  
Gudule..... Mrs W. WEST,  
Julie, Mrs GARRICK.

After which. (4th Time at this Theatre) the Drama of

# MY POLL AND MY PARTNER JOE!

Captain Oakheart, (of *H.M. Sloop Polyphemus*), Mr THOMPSON,  
Brandon, (*Captain of a Slaver*) Mr G. BENNETT,  
Harry Hallyard, ..... Mr T. P. COOKE,  
Joe Tiller, (*his Friend and Partner*) Mr H. WALLACK,  
Watchful, Mr WEBSTER,  
Zinga, (*a Negro*) Mr J. WEBSTER,  
Lieutenant Manly..... Mr WORRELL,  
Bowse, (*Boatswain*) Mr BENDER,  
Sculler..... (*a Waterman*)..... Mr TILBURY,  
Sentinel (*of the Slaver*) Mr M'IAN,  
Wallit, (*Lãndlord of the 'Crown and Sceptre'*) Mr HARRIS.  
*Sailors, Slaves, Watermen, &c.*  
Mary Maybud, Miss VINCENT,  
Dame Hallyard, ..... Mrs GARRICK,  
Abigail Holdferth, Miss LEE,  
Zamba, .... (*a Negress*).... Miss LANE.

To conclude with, the laughable Farce of

# The Chimney Piece.

Mr Muddlebrain, Mr W. FARREN,  
Frederick, Mr J. WEBSTER, Shuffe, Mr WEBSTER,  
John Horn, Mr TILBURY, Officer, Mr BENDER,  
Lucretia, Miss PELHAM, Mary, Miss NICHOLSON.

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**COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.**

THERE was an excellent house here on Saturday night to witness the performance of *Quasimodo*, *Poll and my Partner Joe*, and *The Chimney Piece*. An application has been made to the Theatrical Fund of this establishment by Mr. Meadows on the behalf of Mrs. Pearman, the wife of the vocalist who is now singing with success in America. Mrs. Pearman has in a short interval broken both her legs, sprained her right wrist, and is now suffering from the influenza, and in utter destitution. The committee voted her £10, and the chairman observed that if he was as well versed in scripture, as he was in the drama, he would say to the members of the sister fund "Go ye and do likewise."

**DRURY LANE THEATRE.**

THERE was a curious *melange* at this Theatre on Saturday night, consisting of two acts of *Cinderella*, two acts of *The Devil on Two Sticks*, and *The Mountain Sylph*, which attracted a crowded house, so crowded that hundreds were turned away from the pit, and many had their money returned after finding the pit was overflowing. Phillips sang "Farewell to the Mountain" twice, and on its being called for a third time, two gentlemen in the dress circle (one for and the other against the repetition) had a quarrel which became so noisy that the police were called in to quiet them. It is decided that the fund dinner of this establishment, shall take place at the Freemason's Tavern on the 15th of March.

**KING'S THEATRE.**

THIS splendid Theatre re-opened on Saturday night with every prospect of a brilliant season; the boxes are all let, and all the talent in Europe has been engaged. The opening Opera was *Norma*, Blasis sustaining the principal character with great talent. The Ballet was *Le Brigand de Terracina*, which was beautifully got up, and highly successful.

VICTORIA.—A very clever Drama, called *The Postilion*; is playing here with great success, it is written by Mr. Hart, an actor of this Theatre. *The Two Jim Crows* is also a decided hit, and the entertainments generally are very attractive.

We hear that the Minor Theatres owe the extension of their license in a great measure to the exertions of Madame Vestris, who sought and obtained an interview with His Majesty at Brighton. The King received the fair lessee with great kindness, and after hearing her statement, promised that he would consult with the proper authorities on the subject, and that she should have his support, and a few days after the extension of the licenses was granted. Madame Vestris obtained an injunction in

the Vice Chancellor's Court on Friday to restrain Mr. Anderson from drawing or negotiating bills in her name; it seems the fair widow has been put to great inconvenience by her brother-in-law having negotiated bills of exchange which bore her acceptance with money lenders, &c.

*A Manchester Musical Amateur.*—The Woods have been performing at Manchester with various success. *The Maid of Judah* on Monday attracted but a thin audience, and went off only so so. To its general dulness, however, says a Manchester paper, there was one exception, a stout middle aged man in the pit, apparently a butcher, under a species of inspiration which temperance societies properly reprobate, became so delighted with Wood's singing of "The Trump of Fame," that he sprung upon his feet, flourished a thick stick round his head, & appeared quite ready to obey Mr. Wood's call to "boldly fight or bravely fall." In the midst of his ardor, and of the roars of laughter which it provoked from all parts of the house, he was seized suddenly round the waist by [some peacemaker and most ignobly precipitated down the steps of the pit lobby, whence we presume he was ejected, and his thirst for glory allowed to cool in the street.

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## **Richard the Third.**

King Henry the Sixth, Mr MATHEWS,  
Prince of Wales ..... Miss POOLE,  
Duke of York, Miss MARSHALL,  
Duke of Glo'ster, (First Time) Mr E. FORREST,  
Duke of Buckingham, Mr COOPER,  
Earl of Richmond ..... Mr WARDE,  
Duke of Norfolk, Mr F. COOKE,  
Earl of Oxford ..... Mr HOWELL,  
Lord Stanley, Mr DIDDEAR,  
Lord Mayor ..... Mr HUGHES,  
Tressel, Mr BRINDAL,  
Ratcliff ..... Mr BAKER,  
Catesby, Mr HENRY,  
Lieutenant of the Tower .. ..... Mr Shuter,  
Officer, Mr Fenton,  
Forrest, Mr T. Matthews, Dighton, Mr Heath,  
Queen, Miss HUDDART,  
Lady Anne ..... Miss TAYLOR,  
Duchess of York, Mrs W. GLIFFORD,

To conclude with, the Grand Dramatic Romance of

## **BLUE BEARD.**

Abomelique....(Blue Beard)....Mr MATHEWS,  
Selim, Mr WILSON,  
Ibrahim ..... Mr BARTLEY,  
Shaeabac, Mr DURUSET,  
Hassan, Mr Honner, First Spahi, Mr Henry,  
Second Spahi, Mr F. Cooke,  
Third Spahi, Mr Fenton, Fourth Spahi, Mr Howell,  
Slave, Mr Mears.  
Fatima, Miss BETTS, Irene, Mrs EAST.  
Beda, Mrs HUMBY.

To-morrow, (First Time) a New Grand Opera, in Three Acts, called *Fair Rosamond.*

# Theatre Royal, Covent Garden.

This Evening, Shakspeare's Play of

## CORIOLANUS.

VOLSCIANS.

Tullus Aufidius,..... Mr PRITCHARD,  
Volusius, Mr J. WEBSTER,

Sextus, Mr THOMAS, Lucius, Mr KING,  
Marcus, Mr PAULO, Aruns, Mr BECKETT,

ROMANS

Caius Marcius Coriolanus,..... Mr HAMBLIN,  
Cominius, Mr G. BENNETT,

Menenius, Mr TILBURY, Fulvius, Mr WORRELL,  
Appius, Mr BENDER, Young Marcius, Miss MALE,

*Tribunes of the People.*

Sicinius. Mr THOMPSON, Brutus, Mr HARRIS,  
Citizens—First, Mr WEBSTER,

Second, Mr ROSS, Third, Mr M'IAN.  
Fourth, Mr J. SMITH.

Volumna Mrs W. WEST, Virgilia, Miss VINCENT  
Valeria, Miss LEE, Servilia, Miss NICHOLSON.

To conclude with, the Nautical Melo-Drama, called

## THE PILOT, A Tale of the Sea.

The Pilot, Mr G. BENNETT, Capt. Barnstable, Mr PRITCHARD,  
[Capt. Boroughcliffe, Mr WEBSTER,

Captain Manson..... Mr THOMAS,  
Long Tom Coffin, (*the Coxswain*) Mr T. P. COOKE,

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Young Merry, Mr FENTON, Sergeant Drill, Mr M'IAN,  
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THE Tragedy of *Coriolanus* was repeated here last night with the Nautical Drama of *The Pilot*. Mr. Hamblin was the *Coriolanus*; we understand that this gentleman is performing on the sharing system, receiving one half of the receipts after a certain amount is deducted. Mr. Fitzball's new Nautical Drama is underlined, it is to be called *False Colours*; or, *the Free Trader*. T. P. Cooke is of course to be the hero *On dit* that it is this Theatre of which the Messrs. Bond are about to become the lessees; Mr. Osbaldiston having sold his interest in it to those gentlemen.

**DRURY LANE THEATRE.**

YESTERDAY evening, Mr. Forrest appeared for the first time in this country, in the arduous character of *The Duke of Glo'ster*, in the Tragedy of *Richard the Third*. We have heard so much of the excellence of Mr. Forrest in this particular part, that we must confess that we were very much disappointed; we thought it by far the least effective character he has yet assumed, and this opinion seemed to be pretty general, for in our lives we never saw this bustling Play go off so flatly. During the three first acts he did not get one hearty round of applause, and if a little applause was heard, sounds less pleasing were mingled with it, and during the soliloquy "Why where laws made?" one of the pittites gave vent to such an expression of derision that Mr. Forrest stopped for some seconds, and looked most indignant. In the fourth act he gave the point, "Off with his head! so much for Buckingham," remarkably well, and it elicited a genuine burst of applause. The tent scene and his death were also well managed, and greatly applauded. As a whole we do not think his *Richard* is the least superior to Vandenhoff's, and think it is well for his fame that he did not earlier play it here; he was called forward at the termination of the Play, and appeared to bow his thanks, after which, Warde gave out the Play for next Monday. We forgot to mention that Mr. Forrest had provided himself with four new dresses, three of which were most gorgeous. It is a pity that the stage-manager does not look out a more respectable looking representative for the *Lord Mayor*. Mr. Hughes is not a bad actor in his line, but he is a most undignified looking little man, and has but a small voice, so that his appearance is the signal for a general titter; it is quite time his Mayoralty was over. The Romance of *Blue Beard* was the Afterpiece.—The house was quite full. Several renter's shares of this Theatre, entitling the possessor to receive *ls.3d.* per night

whilst the Theatre is open, (averaging about £12 per annum,) were sold on Saturday for £115 each.

*Dreadful Accident.*—"On Monday night an accident occurred at the Equestrian Theatre, in Front Street, which cast a gloom over the performances of the evening, and excited a powerful sympathy in the audience for the sufferer. Mr. Whittaker was going through his beautiful feats of equestrianism, and was about to perform some astonishing feats of agility and daring, his horse being put to his full speed for the purpose, when one of the bills of the evening was dropped from the upper tier, and winding through the air, fell before the eyes of the horse. The animal started back with affright, and Mr. Whittaker was thrown over the head of the horse prostrate on his face. The horse reared and leaped forward, his fore hoofs struck him on the head, fracturing his skull. The front feet of the horse also struck him on his back, injuring his spine very seriously. Mr. Whittaker was taken up senseless, medical aid was called in, and hopes are entertained of his recovery."—*Baltimore Chronicle*.

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*The MUSIC principally selected from the First Masters.*

Mohamed, Mr PRITCHARD,

Zaul Khan,.....Mr G. BENNETT,

Zohrab, Mr COLLINS, Sadek, Mr J. WEBSTER,

Bacha-Humpho, Mr WEBSTER, Crier, Mr Harris,

Omar and Mirza,—Messrs. Worrell & Bender,

Shir-Khan, Mr THOMPSON,,

Zadi, Mr Williams, Executioner, Mr Andrews,

The Princess Amima....., ..... Miss TURPIN,

Mariam, Miss VINCENT,

Ismena..... Madame VEDY.

After which, a new Original Drama, called

# **The Country Squire.**

Squire Broadlands, Mr W. FARREN,

George Selwood, Mr PRITCHARD, Sparrow, Mr WEBSTER,

Horace Aurelius Selwood, Mr J. WEBSTER,

Guard, Mr HARRIS, Samuel, Mr COLLETT,

Richard, Mr J. SMITH,

John, Mr BECKETT

Williams, Mr PAULO,

Fanny Markham, Miss VINCENT,

Sophy Herbert, Miss LEE,

Alice, Miss NICHOLSON,

Temperance, Mrs GLOVER.

To conclude with, the Farce of

# **“NO.”**

Sir Gæorge Doubtful, Mr PRITCHARD,

Commodore Hurricane, Mr TILBURY, Frederick, Mr COLLINS,

Smart, Mr ROSS,

Andrew, Mr M'IAN,

Thomas, Mr BENDER,

John, Mr COLLETT,

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Maria, Miss VINCENT,

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*The whole of the MUSIC Composed by JOHN BARNETT.*

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The Dresses, by Palmer and Mrs. Benton. The Decorations, &c. by Blamire.

*The Dances by M. Anatole, Mr. Gilbert and Mrs. Souten.*

King Henry II. (*disguised as a Troubadour*) Mr H. PHILLIPS,  
Walter, Lord de Clifford, Mr GIUBELEI,

Sir Alberic de Vere, (*betrothed to Rosamond*) Mr WILSON,

Sir Thomas Vaughan, (*the King's Favorite*) Mr SEGUIN,

Sir Raymond de Burgh, Mr HENRY,

Le Baron Chatelet, Mr MEARS, Le Comte Marcel, Mr S. JONES,  
Hubert, (*Page to Sir Raymond*) Miss POOLE,

*Other Pages*, Masters Alger, Coombe, Fenton, Harris, &c.

Theobald, Archbishop of Canterbury, Mr HOOPER,

Bishop of Winchester, Mr F. Sutton, Bishop of Lincoln, Mr Heath,

*Retainers of Sir T. Vaughan*, Mr Benson & Mr James.

*Other Retainers*, Mr F. Cooke, & Mr Baker.

*Retainers, Bill-Men, Morris Dancers, Nobles, Guests, &c.*

Eleanor, (*Queen of England*) Miss BETTS.

Rosamond .... (*De Clifford's Daughter*) .... Miss ROMER,

The Lady Blanche, (*her Friend*) Miss FANNY HEALY,

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**QUEEN'S THEATRE.**—This pretty Theatre is crowded on the Wednesdays and Fridays, when Madame Vestris and her *corps dramatique* move their quarters from Wych Street hither, it being considered sinful for them to perform at the Olympic, but not at the Queen's. Now for our parts we cannot conceive why the inhabitants of Tottenham Street and its neighbourhood have any more right to damn themselves by witnessing a dramatic performance on those forbidden nights, than people who live in the environs of Drury Lane.

Vandenhoff happening to come very late to the Theatre the other night, and having to dress for his part, was driven to the last moment, when, to heighten his perplexity, the key of his drawer was missing, 'D—n it,' said he, 'I must have swallowed it.' 'Never mind,' said Wm. Farren coolly, 'if you have, it will serve to open your chest.'

A celebrated Comedian, on settling an account with his bill-sticker, after a benefit, expressed some dissatisfaction at the extravagance of his charges. The latter in reply, reasoned on the dearness of the times, as an apology for the high price of his labour. On Mr. — paying him he discovered that his tattered coat bore some evidence of his complaint, on which the comedian good humoredly observed, "Never mind, good friend, I perceive that when the landlord calls, your *rent* is ready."

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Jack Johnstone one evening in the green-room of Drury Lane Theatre, talked of one of the Thespian fraternity who had got into what he called "the devil's own scrape." "What, is he married?" inquired Lord Byron. "Worse my Lord." "Indeed!" said the peer, "can there be a *pejority*?" The word is not in the dictionary, but I think it should be.

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ST. JAMES'S.—An addition has been made to the Lenten Entertainments of this Theatre, viz. Mr. Buckingham's Imitations, which are certainly excellent and were immensely applauded; his imitation of Blanchard, Munden, and Macready are inimitable. The judicious selection of the music, and the variety introduced, have rendered these entertainments very attractive.

The Paris papers of Sunday deny the accuracy of a paragraph which had appeared in one of them on the preceding day, relative to the death of the last male descendant of the immortal dramatic poet Corneille. There are still many of his name remaining in France, such as M. Corneille the inspector of the academy at Rouen, M. Pierre Corneille, brother of the former

a clerk in a government office, M. Xavier Corneille also an employé, and M. Corneille the father of the two first.

The place of the Director of the Theatre Français, at Paris, in which there is a vacancy, is made a subject of scramble amongst the ministerial supporters in the Chamber of Deputies. Already two deputies are announced as candidates for the post.

At the strongly contested election for Westminster, when Sheridan was opposed by Sir Francis Burdett and Lord Cochrane, the latter in allusion to the dramatist's desire of ameliorating his situation on the poll, by endeavouring to blend his cause with that of the baronet, characteristically observed "that the right honorable gentleman sought to have his *little skiff* taken in tow by the *line of battle ship* of Sir Francis." Sheridan, in whom the metaphor had awakened the remembrance of the remarkable and successful influence of his speech in the House of Commons, on the occasion of the Mutiny at the Nore, in calming the irritation of the rebels, and reducing them to obedience, in reply to his lordship, bade him "to recollect that it was that little skiff that once brought the whole navy of England into port."

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THE THEATRICAL OBSERVER.

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Duke of Buckingham, Mr COOPER,
Earl of Richmond Mr WARDE,
Duke of Norfolk, Mr F. COOKE,
Earl of Oxford Mr HOWELL,
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Lord Mayor Mr HUGHES,
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Ratcliff Mr BAKER,
Catesby, Mr HENRY,
Lieutenant of the Tower .. Mr Shuter,
Officer, Mr Fenton,
Forrest, Mr Matthews, Dighton, Mr Heath,
Queen, Miss HUDDART,
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After which, the Second Act of the Opera of

MASANIELLO.

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| Masaniello, Mr WILSON, | Don Alphonso, Mr DURUSET, |
| Lorenzo, Mr MEARS, | Pietro, Mr BEDFORD, |
| Moreno, Mr HENRY, | Ruffino, Mr F. COOKE, |
| Elvira, Miss BETTS, | Fenella, Madame P. GIUBELEI. |

To conclude with, the Grand Romance of

BLUE BEARD.

Abomelique....(Blue Beard) ... Mr MATHEWS,
Selim, Mr WILSON,
Ibrahim Mr BARTLEY,
Shacabac, Mr DURUSET
Hassan, Mr Honner, First Spahi, Mr Henry,
Second Spahi, Mr F. Cooke,
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Slave, Mr Mears.
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Beda, Mrs HUMBY

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M A C B E T H.

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Malcoim, Mr Worrall, Donalbain, Miss Deither,
Macbeth(First Time in this Country)MrHAMBLIN
Macduff, Mr PRITCHARD,

Banquo,..... Mr G. BENNETT,
Fleance, Miss LANE, Lenox, Mr HARRIS,
Rosse, Mr J. WEBSTER,
First Officer, Mr JONES, Second, Mr J. SMITH,
Seyton, Mr BENDER,

Physician,.....Mr HUCKEL,
Lady Macbeth.....Mrs W. WEST,
Gentlewoman, Miss NICHOLSON,
Witches—Hecate.....Mr RANSFORD,
First Witch, Mr TILBURY,

Second WitchMr WEBSTER,
Third Witch, Mr M'IAN.

After which, First Act of the Comic Extravaganza of

Giovanni in London

Don Giovanni, MissVINCENT, Leporello, MrWEBSTER,
Mr F. Finikin, Mr PRITCHARD, Drain'emdry, Mr TILBURY,
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MR. FORREST repeated the character of the *Duke of Gloister* in the Play of *Richard the Third* last night, but though he had somewhat improved the general effect of the part, it was still a very ineffective performance, crude and coarse. One act of the Opera of *Masaniello*, and the Romance of *Blue Beard*, were the other entertainments.

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YESTERDAY evening the Tragedy of *Macbeth* was represented at this Theatre, and Mr. Hamblin sustained, for the first time here, the character from which the Play takes its name. It appears to us that Mr. Hamblin has formed himself completely after the model of John Kemble, to whom he bears a sort of Birmingham likeness; and the consequence is that his manner is something dry, hard, and pedantic. He delivered some of the passages finely, but as a whole he was unequal to the tug and war of the passions which assail the usurping Thane. The Tragedy was followed by one act of *Giovanni in London*, and the new Nautical Drama of *False Colours; or, the Free-Trader*. Macready and Vandenhoff return to this Theatre after Easter, and Sheridan Knowles, who is writing a three act Drama for this house, is also engaged as an actor; what a pity it is that he is so infatuated as to think that he ought to be more highly estimated as an actor than an author. Mr. H. Wallack has published a long appeal to the public on the subject of his dismissal by Mr. Osbaldiston, we think he will find that the public will not respond to his appeal.

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name, and felix by nature, was inimitable ; he was quite at home, looking pleased himself, and every body pleased with him ; when he asked permission to do something singular again to-night, he was responded to with unanimous bursts of applause.

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David's arrival in the Citadel Castle (8 p.m.) upon the Battlements (9 p.m.) splendidly laid out for a Reception of a Representative of the Queen, attended by

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Interior of Westminster

They were seen from the Transept, as fitted up in the year 1334, for the Coronation of King Edward III. The figures of the Kings, Glads in the middle, and Walsley

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My Neighbour's Wife.

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CORIOLANUS.

VOLSCIANS.

Tullus Aufidius,..... Mr PRITCHARD,

Volusius, Mr J. WEBSTER,

Sextus, Mr THOMAS, Lucius, Mr KING,

Marcus, Mr PAULO, Aruns, Mr BECKETT,

ROMANS

Caius Marcius Coriolanus,..... Mr HAMBLIN,

Cominius, Mr G. BENNETT,

Menenius, Mr TILBURY, Fulvius, Mr WORRELL,

Appius, Mr BENDER, Young Marcius, Miss MALE,

Tribunes of the People.

Sicinius, Mr THOMPSON, Brutus Mr HARRIS,

Citizens—First, Mr WEBSTER,

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Inside of the "Ship." Public House. Song, 'Twas off the Coast of Guinea

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At this Theatre, last evening, Shakspeare's Tragedy of *Coriolanus* was repeated with the new Drama of *False Colours*; or, *The Free-Trader*, and the Romance of *The Forty Thieves*. William Farren we hear was about to bring an action against the lessee for a breach of his engagement; Farren contended that the night he played at Brighton being in theatrical parlance an off night, when there was no performance at this house, he had a right to transfer his services elsewhere.

ADELPHI.—On Monday evening, a domestic Drama of powerful interest, entitled *The Gamester Father*; or, *Precept without Practice*, was produced at this Theatre with decided success. It is an adaptation of a French piece, called *L'Escroc*, and Mr. Yates announces that it has been in his possession for six months not wishing to have it supposed that it was written in consequence of a recent event in high life. It is a very clever little Drama, the dialogue is good, the incidents though few are striking, and the interest never flags throughout. The following is the story: the Count de Ferriers (Mr. Yates,) a high principled man, who had ever inculcated into the mind of his son Ernest, (Hemming) a horror of gaming, is tempted himself to gamble, & after losing all his fortune, turns the art he has acquired against others, & instead of being a *dupe* becomes a *cheat*, and thus amasses a large fortune. Ernest, after some years' absence, returns, and is surprised at the unusual splendor which surrounds him; it is soon however whispered to him that his father is a dishonest gamester, he instantly challenges the traducer, and hastens to his father for an explanation, which he cannot obtain, but the Count takes the duel upon himself, and after wounding his antagonist, extorts an apology. Ernest not satisfied, watches his father, and he detects him cheating at cards M. Dubourg, the father of his beloved Marie (Mrs. Yates.) An interesting interview then takes place between the father and son, and the former attempts suicide, Ernest prevents this, but insists on the money being returned to Dubourg. The Count overwhelmed with shame, determines to sacrifice himself to preserve the honor of his family, and pretexts the necessity of a voyage to India, and when he restores the money to Dubourg, says he merely meant to give him a lesson against gaming.

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Last Saturday night, after the doors of the Olympic had been opened, and the audience comfortably seated in the pit, an Irish fruit-seller ran in after a gentleman who had purchased a shilling's worth of oranges, and begged of him to change a bad shilling, which he (the gentleman) had paid him. The Irishman becoming abusive, the gentleman gave the fellow a shilling, at the same time receiving back the "spurious" piece of money, which proved to be an Indian coin of £1. 15s. value.

The Legitimate Drama!—The Sheffield papers in advertising the Benefit of Mr. Skerrett at the Theatre of that town, announce that on this occasion the visitors to the gallery, and pit all receive a number on entering, and afterwards the tickets will be drawn on the stage, and the holders of the fortunate numbers will receive as prizes *two pigs*, on application at the stage-door.

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Ancient Chamber in the Cloisters at Westminster. Interior of Westminster

Abbey, seen from the Transept, as fitted up in the year 1154, for the Coronation of King Henry and Queen Eleanor. Glade in the Vicinity of Woodstock.

Rosamond's Bower, with a distant View of the Labyrinth, in which

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Turning the Tables.

Jeremiah Bumps, Mr COOPER, Jack Humphries, Mr MEADOWS,

Patty Larkins, Mrs C. JONES.

To conclude with, the Second Act of

THE BRIGAND.

Prince Bianchi, Mr MATHEWS, Albert, Mr F. COOKE,
Theodore, Mr BRINDAL, Count Caraffa, Mr FENTON.

Nicolo, Mr MEADOWS, Fabio, Mr HUGHES,

Allesandro Massaroni. . . . (the Brigand Chief) . . . Mr COOPER,

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Duncan, King of Scotland,..... Mr THOMPSON,
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Macbeth (2nd Time in this Country) Mr HAMBLIN,
Macduff, Mr PRITCHARD,

Banquo,..... Mr G. BENNETT,
Fleance, Miss LANE, Lenox, Mr HARRIS,
Rosse, Mr J. WEBSTER,

First Officer, Mr JONES, Second, Mr J. SMITH,
Physician,..... Mr HUCKEL,

Lady Macbeth,..... Mrs W. WEST,
Gentlewoman, Miss NICHOLSON,

Witches—Hecate,..... Mr RANSFORD,
First Witch, Mr TILBURY,

Second Witch Mr WEBSTER,
Third Witch, Mr M'IAN.

After which, the Comedy of

Katherine & Petruchio.

Petruchio, Mr PRITCHARD.

Baptista, Mr THOMPSON, Hortensio, Mr J. WEBSTER,
Music Master, Mr BENDER, Grumio, Mr WEBSTER,
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Mendelsshon's Oratorio of *Paul* was performed for the first time in London on Tuesday evening at Exeter Hall, by the members of the Sacred Harmonic Society, a numerous and respectable body of amateurs who meet there every Tuesday evening. The Oratorio of *Paul* was originally produced on the 22nd of last May at the Musical Festival of Dusseldorf on the Rhine, where it was received with the greatest enthusiasm. On the last day of the Liverpool Festival, October the 7th. it was first executed in England.

There has been a marked difference in the strength of the orchestra on each occasion. At Dusseldorf the chorus consisted of 364 voices, and the band of 172 players, making a total of 536 performers. At Liverpool the chorus amounted to 132, and the band to 72, total 204. At Exeter Hall there were nearly 300 vocal and instrumental performers in the orchestra, but the proportion of the former was by far too great, and the elaborate accompaniments suffered seriously through the overpowering mass of voices. The glorious chorales and sterling chorusses, with rich fugues, are the most attractive features of *St. Paul*. Calm gran-

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Banquo,..... Mr G. BENNETT,
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Physician,.....Mr HUCKEL,

Lady Macbeth.,.....Mrs W. WEST,
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 the second time; it is we think unquestionably the best thing he
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 which *Macduff* receives the account of the slaughter of his
 family better acted. After the Tragedy, Shakespeare's *Katherine*
 and *Petruchio* was performed; the principal characters by Miss
 Helen Faucit and Pritchard; it is so long since that young lady
 has acted, that we began to think she was shelved. *False Co-*
lours; or, *the Free-trader* concluded the evening's entertain-
 ments. We are glad to find that William Farren and the lessee
 have settled their difference without having recourse to the gen-
 tlemen of the long robe: that clever comedian will re-appear
 immediately after Easter.

Flight of Alexander Lee—"We heard the last note of the
 composer of "The Mountain's Brow" as he fled from the sons of
 Agrippa. It is said that he is no longer a manager in Dublin, but
 has sought safety in the country of *Rob Roy*, "where the deer
 are wildly bounding." He departed a few nights since; the
 Abbey Street Theatre was crowded to excess on his Benefit night.
 He was announced for *Count Balero*, but having espied a mon-
 strous wretch of a bailiff amongst the audience, he chaunted
 "Away, away to the Mountain's Brow," and took fairly to his
 heels. The money was returned to the disappointed audience.
 Several literary gentlemen complain that the composer made cer-
 tain dramatic compositions of theirs, the companions of his jour-
 ney, and are loud in condemnation accordingly in sounding a
 "hunter's bugle" after the ex-manager. Mr. Beverly's losses
 are much regretted, for he has won golden opinions by his hon-
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 the Abbey concerns, but she resolutely declined appearing, as long
 as her composer was the manager—her former position in that
 regard being too fresh in the public memory to render an engage-
 ment in Abbey Street comfortable or lucrative to the parties
 concerned.

The Light of other Days.—As the sons of the poor old blind
 fiddler, known about the city as "Old Tuesday" were pursuing
 their hereditary avocations down one of the lanes in the city on

Wednesday, a lackadayical young gentleman after bestowing a few pence, asked them for the "The Light of other Days." "Ve karnt play that ere," said the boy. "Can't? why not?" "Cos we never does!" "But why, my good boy?" "A cause it urts father's feelings, Sir."

One of Talma's intimate friends, whom he was in the habit of seeing every day, departed for America, where he remained several years. During his absence from Europe, he was often deeply mortified at not hearing from his old friend Talma, who never answered his letters. Almost immediately on his return to Paris, the gentleman went to the Theatre and enquired for Talma. He was shewn to the apartment of the celebrated actor. Talma was dressing for the part of *Manlius*, and when the gentleman entered the room he was fastening his sandals. Talma raised his head, and saw before him his friend Mr. C. who had left Europe some years previously—"How do you do?" said Talma, with as much coolness as if he had seen him only the day before. Mr. C. began to reproach him for not answering his letters. "How unjust you are," said Talma, "I have a letter written for you in my desk, it fills four pages." You shall have it this evening. Now complain of my neglect if you can."

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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

THERE was a good house here on Saturday night, when Mr. Hamblin repeated his personation of the character of *Virginus*, in Sheridan Knowles's Play of that name; his performance elicited great applause, and on the falling of the curtain the call for his re-appearance was so unanimous that he came forward to bow his thanks. The other entertainments were the first act of *Giovanni in London*, and *False Colours*. Mr. Collins is re-engaged at this Theatre, and most probably Mr. and Mrs. H. Wallack would also have been replaced in their former situations, had they not by placarding the streets with their appeal closed the door of reconciliation. Did they expect that the public would go to the Theatre & demand of the lessee their return? If so, they miscalculate the value of their talents; and we have often heard it remarked in the Theatre, that H. Wallack was particularly ungracious to the public in his situation of stage-manager. There are various reports respecting the future lease of this Theatre; among the *on dits*, is that Messrs. Forrest and Hamblin are inclined to speculate as joint lessees. Mr. Willis Jones also is talked of, but it is said that Mr. Osbaldistone is not yet tired of the managerial sceptre.

DRURY LANE THEATRE.

ON Saturday evening, the Opera of *Fair Rosamond* was performed to a full house, with *Turning the Tables*, and *The Hunter of the Alps*. It is said to be the intention of Mr. Bunn to open the Lyceum Theatre on Easter Monday, with an English Operatic company, where they will perform four times a week, and the French company after the 23d. of April, twice a week. There is still a rumour that the lessee intends to raise his prices at this Theatre, 5s. for the boxes, and so on in proportion for the pit and galleries, is now talked of. The Theatrical Fund Dinner of this establishment takes place on Wednesday, at the Freemason's Tavern, Lord Francis Egerton is expected to take the chair. Mr. Harley, the master, will deliver an extemporaneous address on the merits of the charity. The musical department will be complete under the direction of Mr. T. Cooke. Mr. Forrest is one of the vice presidents, *Jim Crow* Rice has offered his services. On Thursday, Mr. Duncombe called the attention of the House of Commons to the petition presented by him on the previous Monday from the lessee of this Theatre, when in consequence of the Under Secretary of the Home Office, being absent, the subject was postponed. Mr. Bunn deserves great praise for his conduct in this affair.

ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.—Mr. Harley takes his Benefit this evening at this house, and has provided an entertainment which

for variety and novelty could not be surpassed. There is not an actor on the stage who deserves patronage more than Harley, for there is not one who has contributed more to the amusement of the public. His exertion in behalf of the Theatrical Fund adds another to his numerous claims on all lovers of the Drama.

"Nearly all persons connected with theatres and theatricals are talking of a new act of Parliament to repeal that of 1737, now in force, and to place all the playhouses of the Kingdom under the superintendence of the Lord Chamberlain. We think that even this would be an important improvement of the present law; but there are not a few who contend that no salutary regulation at all in these times is necessary, and that the public alone ought to decide what Theatres shall or shall not be open, by supporting or deserting them. Of this opinion we have long professed ourselves; nobody thinks it expedient to have it determined by authority how many butcher's shops shall be opened in the metropolis, though proper care is taken that bad and unwholesome meat shall not be sold. So we say of Theatres; let due precaution be used that only nutritious moral food be given to the mind, and the more numerous the playhouses are, the better for the public improvement."—*Sunday Journal*.

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As I intrude beg pardon—Yours &c.—PAUL PRY.

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

This Evening, Shakspeare's Tragedy of

Richard the Third.

King Henry the Sixth, Mr MATHEWS,
Prince of Wales Miss POOLE,
Duke of York, Miss MARSHALL,
Duke of Glo'ster, (Third Time) Mr E. FORREST,
Duke of Buckingham, Mr COOPER,
Earl of Richmond Mr WARDE,
Duke of Norfolk, Mr HOOPER,
Earl of Oxford Mr HOWELL,
Lord Stanley, Mr DIDDEAR,
Lord Mayor Mr HUGHES,
Tressel, Mr BRINDAL,
Ratcliff Mr F. COOKE,
Catesby, Mr HENRY,
Lieutenant of the Tower Mr Shuter,
Officer, Mr Fenton,
Forrest, Mr Matthews, Dighton, Mr Heath,
Queen, Miss HUDDART,
Lady Anne Miss TAYLOR,
Duchess of York, Mrs W. GLIFFORD,

To conclude with, the Last Two Acts of the Opera of

CINDERELLA.

Eelix, Mr WILSON,
Baron Pumpolino Mr GIUBELEI,
Alidoro, Mr HENRY,
Dandini, Mr SEGUIN,
Pedro, Mr MEADOWS,
Page Miss MARSHALL,
Cinderella, Miss ROMER,
Clorinda, Miss BETTS,
Thisbe, Mrs EAST,
Fairy Queen, Miss POOLE

To-morrow, Fair Rosamond, and Blue Beard.

Theatre Royal, Covent Garden.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF

Mr HAMBLIN.

And the Last Night of his Performance, previously to his departure for America.

This Evening, Maturin's Tragedy of

B E R T R A M.

St Aldobrand, Mr J. WEBSTER,
Prior,..... Mr G. BENNETT,
Bertram,.....Mr HAMBLIN,
1st Monk, Mr HARRIS, 2d Monk, Mr THOMPSON
3rd Monk, Mr WORRELI,
1st Robber,Mr COLLETT,
2d Robber, Mr J. SMITH, Hugo, Mr ROSS;
Pietro, Mr Bender, Page, Miss LANE,
Imogine, (First Time) Miss H. FAUCIT,
Clotilda, Miss LEE, Teresa, Miss NICHOLSON

After which, the Farce of The

Virginian Mummy.

Dr Galen, Mr TILBURY,
Captain Rifle.....Mr PRITCHARD,
Charles, Mr J. WEBSTER,
Ginger Blue.....Mr T. D. RICE,
O'Leary, Mr THOMPSON,
Mr Patient.....Mr BENDER,
Schoolmaster, Mr J. SMITH,
Lucy, Miss LEE, Susan, Miss NICHOLSON

In the course of the Piece, Mr RICE will sing the Song of **'JIM CROW.'**

To conclude with, (6th Time) an entirely New Nautical Drama in Two Acts, founded on a Tale, by Washington Irving, called

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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

MR. HAMBLIN took his Benefit at this Theatre last night, previous to his return to America, on which occasion was performed, for the first time at this house, Maturin's Tragedy of *Bertram*, the Farce of *The Virginian Mummy*, in which "Jim Crow," was introduced by Mr. Rice, and the Drama called *False Colours*. It is said that Maturin was induced to write this Tragedy in consequence of the great success of Shiel's *Emigrants* at the Crow Street Theatre, in Dublin, at which Theatre Maturin offered *Bertram* in 1814 where it was rejected. After the lapse of two years he was persuaded by a friend to submit his Tragedy to Sir Walter Scott, (with whom he was in correspondence,) for his opinions. Sir Walter was so struck with the Play, that he sent it with a strong recommendation to Lord Byron, who was then on the committee of Drury Lane Theatre, and who was also pleased with the Play, it was produced at that Theatre, May the 18th, 1816, and its success was unequivocal and brilliant. The character of *Imogene*, which the author wrote for Miss O'Neil, was played by a debutante, Miss Somerville, (now Mrs. Bunn) who with all the difficulties of a first appearance to encounter, mainly contributed to the success of the author, and established her own. Kean was the hero, and it was one of his finest performances. As *Bertram* originally stood, it was somewhat different in its construction from the Drama as it was acted and published; the machinery used by Maturin was dismissed at the suggestion of Lord Byron. In the original, *Bertram* is represented as having been excited to the murder of *St. Aldobrand* by a supernatural being—a fiend, who in the disguise of a solitary Knight, infests the gloomy recesses of an adjacent forest. Maturin relinquished this part of his Play with great regret, and never afterwards spoke of it without expressing his dissent from the judgment which condemned it to oblivion.

ST. JAMES'S.—Yesterday evening that popular comedian, Mr. Harley, who is stage-manager of this Theatre, had a benefit here, and we are happy to say that every part of the house was crammed. He gave his patrons a new musical Burletta, called *The Postilion*, which is an English version of Adolph Adam's Opera of *Le Postilion de Lonjumeau*, which has been so attractive at the Opera Comique in Paris. The story of this Burletta is light and very amusing, much more so than the generality

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of Operatic *libretti*, and the music is melodious, sparkling, and abounds with ingeniously arranged concerted pieces. It went off in the best possible manner, and was admirably well done. Braham as *The Postilion*, and afterwards principal singer at the French Opera, was highly effective, both in his singing and acting. Miss Rainforth also exhibited greater talent as an actress than most people would give her credit for; in a scene where she alternately changed her voice and manner in speaking so as to personate a country girl and a fine lady she was eminently successful, and greatly applauded. Leffler and J. Parry were excellent in their respective parts. *The Postilion* will prove quite a hit. When Harley appeared in *Is She His Wife?* he was welcomed with shouts of applause; he afterwards sang a comic song in the character of *Mr. Pickwick*, written by Boz; he dressed the character admirably, and gave all the points of the song with infinite humor; it elicited roars of laughter and applause. *The Strange Gentleman* concluded.

Flourishing state of the Drama.—On Thursday last at the time appointed for the curtain to rise at the Brighton Theatre, there was not a single person present.

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The whole of the MUSIC Composed by JOHN BARNETT.

The Scenery by the Messrs. GRIEVE.

The Dresses, by Palmer and Mrs. Benton. The Decorations, &c. by Biamire.

The Dances by M. Anatole, Mr. Gilbert and Mrs. Souten.

King Henry II. (*disguised as a Troubadour*) Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Walter, Lord de Clifford, Mr GIUBELEI,

Sir Alberic de Vere, (*betrothed to Rosamond*) Mr WILSON
Sir Thomas Vaughan, (*the King's Favorite*) Mr SEGUIN,

Sir Raymond de Burgh, Mr HENRY,

Le Baron Chatelet, Mr MEARS, Le Comte Marcel, Mr S. JONES,
Hubert, (*Page to Sir Raymond*) Miss POOLE,

Other Pages, Masters Alger, Coombe, Fenton, Harris, &c.
Theobald, Archbishop of Canterbury, Mr HOOPER,

Bishop of Winchester Mr F. Sutton, Bishop of Lincoln, Mr Heath,
Retainers of Sir T. Vaughan, Mr Benson & Mr James.

Other Retainers, Mr F. Cooke, & Mr Baker.

Retainers, Bill-Men, Morris Dancers, Nobles, Guests, &c.
Eleanor, (*Queen of England*) Miss BETTS

Rosamond (*De Clifford's Daughter*) Miss ROMER,
The Lady Blanche, (*her Friend*) Miss FANNY HEALY,

Suttlers, Mesdames Allcroft, Boden, R. Boden, Butler, &c.
Maids of Honor, Peeresses, Guests, Attendants, &c.

The following is the order of the New Grand Scenery:—

Baronial Hall in De Clifford Castle, (opening upon the Battlements.) splendidly laid out for an Entertainment. Encampment of the Queen, attended by a Body-Guard of the King's Troops. Landscape View, near Rochester. Ancient Chamber in the Cloisters at Westminster. Interior of Westminster Abbey, seen from the Transept, as fitted up in the year 1154, for the Coronation of King Henry and Queen Eleanor. Glade in the Vicinity of Woodstock. Rosamond's Bower, with a distant View of the Labyrinth, in which will be introduced an Allegorical Masque, wherein the Seasons do Homage to Time! to be represented by Mr GILBERT, Miss BALLIN, Madame GIUBELEI, and Mesdames Bennett, Chesler, Fairbrother, &c. &c.

To conclude with, the Romance of

BLUE BEARD.

Abomelique, Mr MATHEWS,

Selim Mr HENRY,

Ibrahim, Mr BARTLEY,

Hassan Mr HONNER,

Shacabac, Mr DURUSET,

Fatima Miss BETTS,

Irene, Mrs EAST,

Beda Mrs HUMBY.

Theatre Royal, Covent Garden.

This Evening Shakspeare's Tragedy of

M A C B E T H.

Duncan, King of Scotland,..... Mr THOMPSON,
Malcolm, Mr Worrall, Donalbain, Miss Deither,
Macbeth Mr HAMBLIN,
Macduff, Mr PRITCHARD,
Banquo,..... Mr G. BENNETT,
Fleance, Miss LANE, Lenox, Mr HARRIS,
Rosse, Mr J. WEBSTER,
First Officer, Mr JONES, Second, Mr J. SMITH,
Physician,..... Mr HUCKEL,
Lady Macbeth..... Mrs W. WEST,
Gentlewoman, Miss NICHOLSON,
Witches—Hecate..... Mr RANSFORD,
First Witch, Mr TILBURY,
Second Witch Mr WEBSTER,
Third Witch, Mr M'IAN.

After which, the Comedy of

Katherine & Petruchio.

Petruchio, Mr PRITCHARD,
Baptista, Mr THOMPSON, Hortensio, Mr J. WEBSTER,
Music-Master, Mr BENDER, Grumio, Mr WEBSTER,
Biondello, Mr M'IAN, Pedro, Mr COLLETT,
Tailor, Mr ROSS, Walter, Mr HUCKEL,
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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

LAST night *The Pilot* was substituted for *Macbeth*, at this Theatre, in consequence of the sudden indisposition of Mr. Hamlin, who was unable to perform. The second piece was the Comedy of *Katherine and Petruchio*, which was extremely well acted; Pritchard playing the hero, and Helen Faucit the heroine; the entertainments of the evening concluded with the Nautical Drama of *False Colours*. A new Eastern Spectacle is preparing for Easter Monday, founded on one of the tales in the Arabian Nights Entertainments, to be called *Noureddin, and the Fair Persian; or the Bright Star of Morn*.

A new Opera, in three acts, entitled *Ildegonda* was produced at the Italian Opera in Paris last week with enthusiastic success. The libretto is from the pen of Signor Giannoni, a poet of some repute in Italy, and the story which is simple is intelligibly told. In respect to the music, "Marliani" observe the French critics, "has realized, and even exceeded, the expectations which his production of *Il Bravo*, brought out three years since, had excited. His talents have ripened by his musical studies. His new Opera partakes more of the melodious and harmonious school of Bellini than of the chromatic system of Rossini. Marliani has used with intelligence and tact the qualities with which he is gifted, and has supplied a work replete with fresh and graceful subjects, flowing melodies and energetic inspirations. The instrumentation is clever, and in his concerted portions Marliani has wonderfully improved; the accompaniments are in good keeping and well subdued. Grisi is said to have eclipsed all her previous efforts by her display as the heroine. The scenery and decorations are also greatly commended.

At the circus of Wisbeach, last week, the gallery, with all the gods, came down with a tremendous crash into the riding ring; fortunately no one sustained any very serious injury, although many were slightly bruised. The accident was caused by the pole to which the tight rope was fixed, being attached to the wood work of the gallery.

In O'Keefe's account of the production of his Opera of *The Castle of Andalusia*, speaking of the adaptation of the music by Dr.

Arnold, he says "One morning he had played to me a beautiful Italian air to write words to it for *Lorenza*. On his going away; the maid servant of the house told me the gentleman who lodged up stairs over my head would be glad to see me. I returned my compliments, and would be happy to see the gentleman. An elderly gentleman, in night gown and slippers, came into my room and told me the air he had just heard played was his original composition, and added, with much good humor, that as he understood I was a dramatic writer, bringing out an Opera, I was very welcome to the air, and that if I chose I should have another of his, but he hoped he might be allowed to publish them for his own emolument. Much surprised, I asked the gentleman his name. He replied Giordani. On afterwards communicating the circumstance to Dr. Arnold, he with the frankness that was natural to him cheerfully consented to allow Giordani the sale of his two airs, with my words, and his own accompaniments. The first air is that beginning 'Heart beating,' and the second 'If I my heart surrender.'

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Varied Entertainments

PART I.

Overture—Handel.

Song, Mr J. PARRY, “Pour forth no more,”—
Handel,

Song, Miss RAINFORTH, “From Mighty Kings,”
Handel.

Recit. & Air, --Mr BRAHAM,--“Total Eclipse,”

Song, Miss SMITH, “Gratias Agimus Tibi,”
Guglielmi.

Air, Mr LEFFLER, “With joy the impatient Husbandman,”—Haydn.

Song, Madame SALA, “Lord to thee,”—Handel.

Duet, Mr J. PARRY and Mr LEFFLER, “The Lord is a man of war,”—Handel.

Leader of the Band Mr. Stansbury.

After which,

The Astonishing Feats,

of Signor BOLENO, M. DUELIN, and M. SIMON

Mr ELIASON will perform a Concerto on the Violin—

Singing by Mr M. BARNETT.

PART II.

Overture—Anacreon—Cherubini.

Ballad, (first time,) Mr LEFFLER, ‘Oh ! my love has an eye of the softest blue,’ W. Bayley.

Song, Mr BRAHAM,--“Kelvin Grove”

Ballad, Madame SALA, ‘She wore a wreath,’—
J. P. Knight.

‘Lord Byron’s Farewell to Tom Moore,’ Mr G. STANSBURY, (by desire) (Ac. by himself on the Piano-Forte

Duet, Misses SMITH, ‘Ravisa qual Alna,’—May-
erbeer.

Song, Mr BRAHAM,--‘ Bay of Biscay, O’

Comic Italian Trio, performed extemporaneously
by Mr J. PARRY, (accompanying himself on the
(Piano-Forte.

Song, Miss RAINFORTH.

Song, Mr LEFFLER, ‘ Whilst the Lads of the
Village.

New Ballad, (first time,) Miss J. SMITH, ‘ A nice
little man,’—J. Blewitt.

Comic Echo Quartetto, Miss RAINFORTH, Mr J.
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Mr. Warne, the box-book keeper of this house, takes his Benefit this evening, and as his urban and polite manner in the discharge of his duties is a matter of notoriety, he will doubtless have a bumper. He has a capital bill of fare, three of the most attractive novelties of the season, and *The Irish Tutor*.

OLYMPIC.—The attraction of *The Two Figaros* continues undiminished, and *Riquet with the Tuft* as we foretold has run through the entire of the usual season. For the after season which commences on Easter Monday, the fair widow has several novelties in preparation. Liston will take his farewell of the stage on the close of this Theatre, and William Farren has been engaged to supply his place for the season commencing in October next. His acting will be seen to great advantage in this small Theatre.]

The Theatre, in Norton Folgate, which is to be called the City of London Theatre, is to be opened on Easter Monday. This Theatre has been built by Beazley, who like Vanburgh, unites the talent of a dramatist to that of an architect; it reflects the highest credit on his skill; the accommodation both before and behind the curtain being of the most superior kind, and not a seat in the theatre but will command a good view of the stage. The decorations which are in the best possible taste have been executed by Messrs. Crace, the decorators of the St. James's Theatre. It is calculated that the house will hold about £130 at 3s. the boxes, 2s. the pit, and 1s. the gallery.

During Sheridan's struggle to be chosen member for Westminster his addresses to his constituents were often interrupted by the tumult that arose from anxiety to get within hearing of him. A person mounted on a horse had penetrated to the very centre of the crowd, with more regard for himself than consideration towards others, as the animal he rode, affrighted by the noise, became equally annoying and dangerous to those by whom he was surrounded. The outcry was excessive, and while some strove to appease the clamour, others urged Sheridan to proceed. "Gentlemen" replied he to the latter "when the *chorus of the Horse and his Rider* is finished I shall commence."

THE THEATRICAL OBSERVER.

The Royal Gins.—The following curious account of this society, of which the late Mr. Kean is stated to have been a member, is given in the *Herts County Press* report of a meeting of "ladies," to establish a new temperance society in Barnet: "Mr. Dexter was introduced as a reformed drunkard, and the only surviving member out of fifteen persons who were admitted in one year into the celebrated club, instituted in 1817, near Covent Garden, by the late Edmund Kean, the actor, called the 'Royal Gins!' the eligibility of persons to be elected into which consisted in their drinking a pint of raw spirits at the bar of the club-house. Of the above fifteen persons eight died within the year of their election, and two became insane. Mr. Dexter's history of his miserable condition as a drunkard was horribly interesting, and having declared that the Total Abstinence Society had rescued him from despair and suicide, avowed his determination to preach the doctrine to the last hour of his life. He recommended the single ladies to make total abstinence a *sine quæ non* in the qualification of their admirers, which recommendation caused great merriment."

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The whole of the MUSIC Composed by JOHN BARNETT.

The Scenery by the Messrs. GRIEVE.

The Dresses, by Palmer and Mrs. Benton. The Decorations, &c. by Blamire.

The Dances by M. Anatole, Mr. Gilbert and Mrs. Souten.

King Henry II. (*disguised as a Troubadour*) Mr H. PHILLIPS,

Walter, Lord de Clifford, Mr GIUBELEI,

Sir Alberic de Vere, (*betrothed to Rosamond*) Mr WILSON

Sir Thomas Vaughan, (*the King's Favorite*) Mr SEGUIN,

Sir Raymond de Burgh, Mr HENRY,

Le Baron Chatelet, Mr MEARS, Le Comte Marcel, Mr S. JONES,

Hubert, (*Page to Sir Raymond*) Miss POOLE,

Other Pages, Masters Alger, Coombe, Fenton, Harris, &c.

Theobald, Archbishop of Canterbury, Mr HOOPER,

Bishop of Winchester, Mr F. Sutton, Bishop of Lincoln, Mr Heath,

Retainers of Sir T. Vaughan, Mr Benson & Mr James.

Other Retainers, Mr F. Cooke, & Mr Baker.

Retainers, Bill-Men, Morris Dancers, Nobles, Guests, &c.

Eleanor, (*Queen of England*) Miss BETTS.

Rosamond (*De Clifford's Daughter*) Miss ROMER,

The Lady Blanche, (*her Friend*) Miss FANNY HEALY,

Suttlers, Mesdames Allcroft, Boden, R. Boden, Butler, &c.

Maid's of Honor, Peeresses, Guests, Attendants, &c.

The following is the order of the New Grand Scenery:—

Baronial Hall in De Clifford Castle. (opening upon the Battlements,) splendidly laid out for an Entertainment. Encampment of the Queen, attended by

a Body-Guard of the King's Troops. Landscape View, near Rochester.

Ancient Chamber in the Cloisters at Westminster. Interior of Westminster

Abbey, seen from the Transept, as fitted up in the year 1154, for the Coronation

of King Henry and Queen Eleanor. Glade in the Vicinity of Woodstock.

Rosamond's Bower, with a distant View of the Labyrinth, in which

will be introduced an Allegorical Masque. Wherein the Seasons do Homage

to Time! to be represented by Mr GILBERT, Miss BALLIN, Madame

GIUBELEI, and Mesdames Bennett, Chesler, Fairbrother, &c. &c.

After which, the popular Farce of

My Neighbour's Wife.

Mr Somerton, Mr COOPER, Mr Brown, Mr MEADOWS,

Mr Smith, Mr BARTLEY,

Mrs Somerton, Miss TAYLOR, Mrs Brown, Mrs PINCOTT,

Mrs Smith, Miss LEE.

To conclude with, the 2nd Act of the Drama of

THE BRIGAND.

Prince Bianchi, Mr MATHEWS,

Albert, Mr F. COOKE, Theodore, Mr BRINDAL,

Allesandro Massaroni, Mr COOPER,

Nicolo, Mr MEADOWS, Rubaldo, Mr BEDFORD.

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Hawkset, (Commander of the 'Free Trader,') Mr PRITCHARD,
Barnes, (his Lieutenant) Mr RANSFORD,
Mike, Mr WEBSTER, Gabriel, Mr COLLETT,
Dentatus, (a Negro) Mr M'IAN, Tom, Mr BENDER,
Phoebe, Miss VINCENT.

To conclude with the Drama of

Black Eyed Susan.

The Admiral, Mr THOMPSON,
Captain CrosstreeMr J. WEBSTER
William, (with a Song) Mr T. P. COOKE,
Doggrass.....Mr TILBURY,
Blue Peter, Mr RANSFORD,
In which he will introduce the Song of "Black Ey'd Susan,"
Knatbrain. Mr WEBSTER,
Jacob Twig, Mr ROSS, Quid, Mr COLLETT,
Yarn, Mr Ludford, Ploughshare, Mr Paulo,
Black Eyed Susan, Miss VINCENT,
Dolly Mayflower.....Miss NICHOLSON,
In the course of the Piece,

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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

THE entertainments, at this Theatre, yesterday evening, were
The Country Squire, False Colours, and Black Eyed Susan.

DRURY LANE THEATRE.

BARNETT's Opera of *Fair Rosamond* was repeated last night, with *My Neighbor's Wife*, and the second act of *The Brigand*. The Twentieth Anniversary of that admirable charity, the Theatrical Fund of this establishment, was celebrated at the Freemason's Tavern on Wednesday, Ben Bond Cabbell, Esq. in the chair. After the health of the King, Queen, and the Duke of Sussex, the chairman proposed "the health of Mr. Harley, and prosperity to the Drury Lane Theatrical Fund," upon which that gentleman delivered one of the neatest speeches ever spoken, which, was not our space so confined, we should feel great pleasure in giving verbatim. He commenced by saying there were two things he could not accomplish, "a long face and a short speech," but we are sure his hearers on this occasion did think his speech too short. He eulogised the stage, paid a merited compliment to his lamented predecessor, Jack Bannister, and indeed left no topic connected with the business of the day untouched; the rapt attention of the company, and their fervent applause, shewed the sense they entertained of the eloquence of the speaker. The guests were numerous and respectable, and the subscriptions amounted to more than £1000. Mr. Forrest's munificent donation of £50 was hailed with great applause. *Jim Crow* gave £10. The latter returned thanks when 'Prosperity to the American stage' was drunk. Mr. T. Cooke had provided a great musical treat, and the evening went off with the greatest hilarity.

It is our painful duty to announce the death of that celebrated comedian John Fawcett, who expired at Botley, in Hampshire, on Sunday last in his 69th year. He was born in London, and at the age of 15 apprenticed to a tradesman, but soon decamped to Margate, and made his first public appearance on the stage as *Courtall*, in *The Belle's Stratagem*, under the name of Foote. He then joined Tate Wilkinson's company, resumed his own name and remained in the York circuit some years. On the 21st of September 1791, Fawcett made his debut at Covent Garden Theatre as *Caleb*, in *He Would be a Soldier*, and *Simpkin* in *The Deserter*; he did not attain much celebrity until he had the original parts of *Doctor Pangloss*, *Olapod*, and *Caleb Quotem* assigned, when he at once became highly popular. In 1798 he joined the Hay-market company, and there produced *Obi*; or,

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Three Fingered Jack. In 1817 or thereabouts he became stage-manager of Covent Garden, which situation he filled till his retirement from the stage. He was an excellent actor, and was famed for his singing comic songs in private life, his conduct was reproachable, and he had a feeling heart, though his manners wanted the *suaviter in modo*.

Grisi's Marriage.—It has puzzled many persons that there should have been a law suit in Paris, respecting the marriage of Madlle Grisi with M. Girard de Meley, and many unfounded reports respecting a divorce. There never has been any doubt as to the validity of the marriage, which was solemnised both according to the forms of the Catholic Church, and at Langham Church, according to the rites of the Protestant Religion. The suit was an amicable one to decide as to the right of the property in consequence of there having been no marriage settlement, and it was decided by the French court, that M. de Meley takes precedence of his wife's kindred. The French law appears to be the same as the law in this country in similar cases.

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Handel,

Recit. & Air, Mr BRAHAM,—"Total Eclipse,"

Song, Miss SMITH "Gratias Agimus Tibi"
Guglielmi.

Air, Mr LEFFLER, "With joy the impatient Hus-
bandman,"—Haydn.

Song Madame SALA, "Lord to thee,"—Handel

Duet, Mr J. PARRY and Mr LEFFLER, "The
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Leader of the Band Mr. Stansbury.

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Overture—Anacreon—Cherubini.

New Ballad, Mr LEFFLER "They told her to
forget me,"—R.H. Bishop.

Song, Mr BRAHAM,—"Kelvin Grove"

Ballad, Madame SALA, "She wore a wreath,"—
J.P. Knight.

Lord Byron's Farewell to Tom Moore, Mr C.
STANSBURY, (by desire) (Ac. by himself on
the Piano-Forte)

Duet, Misses SMITH, 'Ravisa qual Alna,'—May-
erbeer.

Song, Mr BRAHAM,--' Bay of Biscay, O'

Comic Italian Trio, performed extemporaneously
by Mr J. PARRY, (accompanying himself on the
Piano-Forte.)

Duet, Misses SMITH,—“Phelonel,” (Accompanied
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It is related of Haydn, that, when urged by his friends to bring to a conclusion his great work, the Oratorio of *The Creation*, in the composition of which he had spent years, he used to say calmly "I spend a long time upon it, because I intend it to last a long time."

On Thursday Miss Marsano brought an action in the Sheriff's Court against Mr. Morris, the proprietor of the Haymarket Theatre, for a breach of her engagement with him to perform at his Theatre in a Ballet. She sought to recover the sum of £18, for eighteen week's salary. Mr. D'Egville, ballet-master of the King's Theatre, and also of the Haymarket, stated that he was authorised by the defendant to engage performers for the ballet. He accordingly engaged plaintiff at the latter end of March, and she regularly performed at the Haymarket until the 5th of July, when she was discharged. The defendant knew that the plaintiff was also engaged at the Opera House, and she had liberty to go to the Opera to perform at half-past ten or a quarter to eleven each night that Theatre was open.

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At the time that great performer, the Elephant, made his *début* on the boards, his board became subject of no trifling consideration with the manager, particularly as the African had taken a predilection for rum, which the new actor used to quaff with extraordinary zest. On one occasion a certain *spiritual* comedian was missing from a morning rehearsal, for whom the stage had been for some kept waiting, when the messenger who had

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The death of Baron, the celebrated French tragedian, was caused by his pushing away a naked sword with his foot, when performing *Diego*, in *The Cid*, it having slightly wounded him in the toe, which being neglected, became a gangrene, and the actor having deliberated sometime between death and the necessity of resigning his profession with his leg, preferred the former and expired.

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"Ladies and Gentleman.—I have no doubt you think me a very strange character, but my friend the proprietor of the St. James's Arms, has requested me to say a word at the close of the season. Having put up at the house myself, and liking my quarters, I am most happy to say that every thing has been going on very much to the satisfaction of the proprietor.

"Ladies and Gentleman.—We have had a great deal to contend against. In the first place, the people of the Royal have thought proper to bring down their prices, and open an ordinary, a cheap ordinary. I have not been there myself, therefore I do not know whether it does the landlord any good. The ordinary, or as I should rather say, the extra-ordinary prices will not be adopted at the St. James's Arms. I am still more happy to say, that there is no occasion for it. The house has had a remarkable good season. The daily bill of fare has always been approved of, and the foreign confectionery of the great Italian warehouse close by has not taken away the taste of the public for the entertainments provided here. Ladies and Gentleman, when the proprietor built this house, he had only a licence up to Easter, but his licence has by the special command of his Most Gracious Majesty been extended, and the St. James's Arms will be re-opened for the reception of visitors on Easter Monday. The stage which starts regularly every evening at seven o'clock, will again commence running on that day, and besides many of the old stagers, others have been added, who, I hope, will form a team capable of drawing. Ladies and Gentleman, in the name of myself, the landlord, and all people connected with the St. James's Arms, I have to express their and my most grateful thanks for the kindness which you have shown us in frequenting this house—kindness which I hope will be extended, and accompanied with continued patronage. In conclusion, I have authority from the proprietor to state what I am sure will be a source of gratification to you, that he has netted a very considerable sum, notwithstanding all the adverse circumstances of the times. He empowers me to make this statement the more readily as an answer to sinister reports bruited abroad that he has incurred a loss to the extent of £200 per week. Had he sustained any loss, he would, I

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Mr. Charles Kean, who it is said succeeds to the vacant tragic chair, next season at Drury Lane Theatre, is at present playing at Edinburgh with the greatest success. With his *Hamlet* the critics of "Modern Athens," are enchanted, as they are also with his *Sir Giles Overreach*, a character which, since the days of his impassioned sire, has been rendered a nullity on the metropolitan stage.

Mr. Hill, the 'Yankee Pedlar,' has returned from a provincial tour to the Northern capitals, where he has reaped 'golden opinions' of no small amount. Though enticing offers of no ordinary character have been made to him from the Provinces he is content to forego them all, that he may return to the United States—which to a married man is no *unholy* desire,

Anecdote of Kean.—In the year 1807, Mr. and Mrs. Kean visited this city, and gave recitations, and imitations of actors, amongst others of Kemble and Garrick, in Noke's room, Munster Yard. The bills were printed by the late Mr. Dighton of Pavement, and poor Kean, after nightfall, and at an early hour in the morning posted the bills *himself* around York! The manuscripts of the play-bill in Kean's hand writing is at present in the possession of Mr. Harley, the celebrated comedian.—*Yorkshire-man*.

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A club existed—once existed, the name of which I have forgotten, (having only been admitted as a visitor,) but of which Mathews and H. Johnstone were members. At the early part of their introduction to the society, a stranger one night demanded admittance, he was uninvited, and H. Johnstone left the room for the purpose of kicking the intruder down stairs. A tremendous altercation ensued, and presently Harry and the stranger burst open the door, and the latter party fought his way into the middle of the room; the company were justly indignant, and the more so, when the fellow, in a rich brogue, declared "We were broth of boys, that he'd never leave us, and that we should all live and die together." The veteran chairman (with ill suppressed emotion,) peremptorily desired the gentleman to withdraw. 'Indeed I won't,' said the Hibernian, 'hav't I come to enjoy myself among you, and sure we'll have a night on't!' There is a point beyond which patience ceases to be a virtue, so thought the president who left his chair, and seized the delinquent by the collar, attempted to eject him; long did they struggle, loudly did they swear. 'You have no right here, and out you shall go.' 'I won't! I won't!—I've as much right here as any of you,' and dexterously flinging off his wig and spectacles, Charles Mathews stood forth, their lately elected member. This assumption was the more extraordinary, as his auditors were all actors, or persons connected with the Theatre, and were all alike deceived, except H. Johnston, who, of course, was a partner in the plot.—*Records of a Veteran Actor*.

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The French plays commence on Monday evening, at the Theatre Royal, Lyceum, under the spirited direction of the lessee of Old Drury, with several popular Vaudevilles, in which M. Lafont, of the Theatre du Vaudeville at Paris, and Mons. and Madame Allan, of the Theatre du Gymnase, will make their first appearance before a London audience.

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At a dinner given to celebrate the return of Sheridan for that shoemaking town Stratford, he expressed his wish in the form of a toast "That its manufacture might be trodden underfoot by all the world." This appeal to the understanding of his constituents produced an effect they could not hide. Every soul there present melted as very wax, and *awl* agreed to support to the last one who with his many shining qualities to boot, had so fitly carried their favour.

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VICTORIA.—A new Nautical Drama, by Mr. Haines, entitled *Breaker's Ahead; or, a Seaman's Log*; with Mark Lemon's *P. L.* and a new Military Drama, called *Albert Arnal; or, the Death Spell*, are the entertainments here this evening.

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E & J. Thomas, Printers, 6, Exeter Street, Strand.

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THE Tragedy of *King John* was represented here last night, Macready playing *John*, and Vandenhoff, for the first time, *Falconbridge*. It is needless to criticise the acting of the former in that particular part, it is perfect; of the latter we may say if he does not reach the excellence of C. Kemble, he treads closely upon his heels. The second piece was *The Waterman*, which was followed by a splendid new Spectacle, called *Noureddin*, and the *Fair Persian*, which is founded on a story of the Arabian Night's Entertainments. The lateness of the hour at which it terminated, and the confinement of our space oblige us to defer a description till to-morrow.

ST. JAMES'S.—This beautiful Theatre re-opened yesterday evening for the extended term of the license, with the new Musical Burletta of *The Postilion*, which went off with great applause ; after which was produced a new Drama, in two acts by Mrs. S. C. Hall, called *Mabel's Curse*, which was received with unanimous applause. This piece is of a serious nature, and the scene is laid in a village in Kent, just at the time of the restoration of Charles the Second. Some years previous to the opening of the piece Mabel, (Miss Allison,) the illegitimate daughter of a royalist gentleman, has been seduced, and abandoned by Ralph Burney, (Hollingsworth) the steward of her father. Ralph being a Roundhead takes advantage of his master's politics and extravagant habits, ruins him, and becomes himself possessor of his estates. The curse of Mabel however hangs over him, and all his children die except one daughter Caroline (Miss C. Crisp.) A party of Marauders, headed by Lawrence Brown, (Halford) attack the castle of Ralph Burney, and the latter is about to fall a victim to the hatred of Lawrence, when Mabel saves him by declaring their relative situations of father and son, and then expires in her son's arms, having been shot in the assault of the castle. The serious business is enlivened by the intro-

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OLYMPIC.—Vestris commenced her after season last night by the production of a most charming and successful new Burletta, *The Rape of the Lock*, which is got up with all that refined taste for which the fair lessee, and her acting-manager, J. Vining, are so celebrated. Vestris, as *Berlinda*, looked most lovely; she had two songs, one of which was encored. *He would be an Actor*, and *Riquet with the Tuft*, were the other pieces.—The house was quite full.

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Macbeth, Mr E. FORREST,
Banquo, Mr COOPER, Macduff, Mr WARDE,
Rosse, Mr MATHEWS,
Fleance, Miss MARSHALL, Seward, Mr F. COOKE,
Seyton, Mr FENTON,
Serjeant, Mr HENRY, Physician, Mr MEARS,
Hecate, Mr SEGUIN,
First Witch.... . Mr BARTLEY,
Second Witch, Mr MEADOWS.
Third Witch..... Mr SHUTER.
Lady Macbeth, Miss HUDDART,
Gentlewoman..... Miss SOMERVILLE,

After which, the Second Act of the Opera of

MASANIELLO.

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| Masaniello, Mr WILSON, | Don Alphonso, Mr DURUSET, |
| Lorenzo, Mr MEARS, | Pietro, Mr BEDFORD, |
| Moreno, Mr HENRY, | Ruffino, Mr F. COOKE, |
| Elvira, Miss BETTS, | Fenella, Madame P. GIUBELEI. |

To conclude with, the Grand Romance of

BLUE BEARD.

Abomelique.... (Blue Beard).... Mr MATHEWS,
Selim, Mr HENRY,
Ibrahim..... Mr BARTLEY,
Shacabac, Mr DURUSET,
Hassan, Mr Honner, First Spahi, Mr Henry,
Second Spahi, Mr F. Cooke,
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QUEEN'S THEATRE.—This Theatre re-opened on Monday evening under a new management, with novel entertainments and a new company. The first piece was an original Drama, called *The Gipsy King ; or, the Perilous Pass of the Cataract*, which possesses considerable interest, was well got up, and the characters were well sustained, particularly that of *The Gipsy King*, by Mr. Moss, and the *Countess of St. Maur*, by Mrs. Selby. The second piece was a Pantomime, entitled *The Enchanted Grove ; or, Harlequin and the Fairy of the Silver Lake*, it opened with a display of the Interior of a Cooper's Workshop, followed by the principal scene, that of the Enchanted Grove and Silver Waters, where the attempt to gain possession of a golden axe gives rise to the usual Pantomime changes. The characters were principally sustained by performers from the Royal Amphitheatre, Liverpool, who were received with much applause as was the Pantomime itself, and indeed the whole of the entertainments. We trust the spirited manager may meet with continued success.

We are happy to announce that the subscriptions for the repairing the monument of Shakspeare in the Church of Stratford-upon-Avon is progressing in a satisfactory manner, there is an intention of ornamenting the roof of the chancel, with the shields of arms of the most munificent of the subscribers. The name of the sculptor of Shakspeare's monument is not known with certainty, but Mr. John Britton received from the late antiquary, William Hamper, Esq. of Birmingham, a memorandum from Sir William Dugdale's pocket book of 1653, which states that "The tombs of John Coombes and William Shakspeare were made by Jerrard Johnson."

While Miss Tree was playing *Juliet*, in Philadelphia, Mr. Hamilton, in the character of *Romeo*, was suddenly taken ill just as the balcony scene was about to commence. When she said to Mr. Lindsey, who was the substitute for Mr. Hamilton, "Romeo,

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Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?" A yankee in the pit said loud enough to be heard by the whole house, "Kase t'other man's sick."—*New Orleans Paper.*

The truth of the observation that men in a state of intoxication see double, was proved at the Olympic Theatre on Easter Monday. Two *exquisites* of the first water were sitting together in the pit, at the time that Madame Vestris was singing a song, *no other performer* being on the stage, "I say my dear fellow," said one of the *exquisites* to his friend, "I think that lady on the right side of the stage, is quite as beautiful as the other, don't you?"

We are sorry to record the death of Mr. Nicholson, the celebrated flute player, who died on Monday last in his 42d year; he has left a son and daughter and an aged mother totally unprovided for. His professional brethren talk of getting up a concert for their benefit.

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Hubert, Mr G. BENNETT, Robert Faulconbridge, Mr Beckett,
Prince Henry Miss LACY, Philip, Mr PRITCHARD,
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Mr Dudley, Mr TILBURY, Frederick, Mr PRITCHARD,
Charles, Mr J. WEBSTER,
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Mrs Dudley, Mrs GLOVER, Sophia, Miss VINCENT,
Mary, Miss LEE, Mrs Grimsley, Mrs GARRICK,
Miss Stokes, Miss REED, Mrs Taylor, Miss PARTRIDGE.

To conclude with, (4th time) an entirely new Grand Eastern Romance, founded
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Noureddin, & the Fair Persian; Or, The Bright Star of Morn.

Caliph Haroun Alraschid, Mr J. WEBSTER, Noureddin, Mr COLLINS,
Sick Ibrahim, Mr TILBURY, Cifar, Mr HARRIS,
The Sultan Mohammed Zinebi, Mr THOMPSON
Ormandi, Mr WORRELL, Aboul Cassim, Mr ROSS,
Hassan, Mr PRITCHARD, Compo, Mr WEBSTER,

Armanos, Bedamar, Anbar, &c.—Messrs. Bender, Collett, Huckel, &c.

Pirates of the Bay..... Morad Abdallah, Mr G. BENNETT,
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The whole of the MUSIC Composed by JOHN BARNETT.
King Henry II. (*disguised as a Troubadour*) Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Walter Lord de Clifford, Mr GIUBELEI,
Sir Alberic de Vere, (*betrothed to Rosamond*) Mr WILSON,
Sir Thomas Vaughan (*the King's Favorite*) Mr SEGUIN,
Sir Raymond de Burgh, Mr HENRY,
Le Baron Chatelet, Mr MEARS, Le Comte Marcel, Mr S. JONES,
Hubert, (*Page to Sir Raymond*) Miss POOLE,
Eleanor, (*Queen of England*) Miss BETTS.
Rosamond (*De Clifford's Daughter*) Miss ROMER,
The Lady Blanche (*her Friend*) Miss FANNY HEALY,
The Music published by Cramer, Addison & Beale, Regent-st.

After which, (3d time these 12 years) the Melo-Drama of

Valentine and Orson !

With New Scenery, Machinery, Dresses, and Decorations.
THE OVERTURE AND MUSIC COMPOSED BY MR JOUVE.
The new Scenery by Messrs. Grieve, T. Grieve, & W. Grieve.
The Dresses by Mr Palmer, and Mrs Benton,
The Decorations and Properties by Mr Blamire.
The Melo-Dramatic Action under the Direction of Mr Howell
FRENCH.

Pepin, (King of France) Mr MATHEWS,
Henry, Mr BRINDAL, Hanfray, Mr HENRY
Valentine (a Foundling) Mr HOWELL,
Orson.....(a Wild Man).....Mr T. MATTHEWS,
Blandiman, Mr DIDDEAR, Hugo, Mr MEADOWS,
Emperor of Greece, Mr BLAKE,
The Princess Eglantine, Miss TAYLOR, Agatha, Miss POOLE,
Florimonda of Aquitaine, Miss BALLIN,
Dame Cicely,.....Miss SOMMERVILLE,
The Empress Belisanta, Mrs W. CLIFFORD,
SARACENS
The Sorcerer Agramant, Mr F. COOKE, Iman, Mr PERRY,
The Golden Oracle, Mr.....,
Giant Ferragus, Mr HATTON, Fiends, Mess Heath & Chippendale,
Genius Pacolet, Miss MARSHALL.

The following is the order of the Scenery, Incident, &c.

The Suburbs and view of the City of Orleans, with the triumphal entry of Pepin King of France. Interior of a Monastery. The King's Palace. A Chamber in the Palace: The Forest of Orleans! Appearance of Orson, the Wild Man, and his foster-mother, a Bear! A Novel Combat, by Valentine, Orson, and the Bear, Court yard of the Palace. Apartment in the Palace. Interior of Pavilion and Palace Gardens. Grand Banquet, in which will take place A Pas de Six, by the Coryphees, and a Pas de Deux, by Mr. Gilbert and Madame Giubelei. A Rocky Pass. Encampment of the Green Knight. Appearance of the Genius Pacolet in a flying Car. Giants Castle. Magic Chamber, with the Golden Oracle. The piece will conclude with Reception of the Emperor of Greece by the King of France in the Grand Hall of Audience.

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The New Strand Theatre, under the management of Messrs. Jerrold and Hammond, opened for the season on Easter Monday, but owing to the powerful rivalry of the Olympic and Adelphi, which the Strand had not to contend with last season, it has not hitherto been well attended. The opening piece was a new Burletta, called *The Galantee Showman*, taken from the admirable study from human nature, which recently appeared in *The New Monthly Magazine*, having the miser *Peppercorn*, & *Flitter-mouse*, the *Galantee Showman*, for its prominent characters, the latter part capitally sustained by Mr. W. J. Hammond, whose *Othello* excited so much laughter and applause last season. This piece, besides the interest of its details, abounds with the hap-

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A writer in a morning journal, speaking of Spohr's Oratorio of *The Crucifixion*, says—"It may be questioned even by a lover of classical harmony, and an admirer of sacred music, in its legitimate scope and propriety, whether it does not argue a boldness verging to presumption, even in the accomplished musician, to attempt, by the aid of violin, trumpet, drum, &c. to illustrate the sublimities of the sacred writings, the awful mysteries of our religion, or the vital principles of christianity. The hymn, the anthem, the elegy, and choral symphony, are fruitful themes for the sacred harmonist, without his amalgamating divine and awful subjects with the leaven of the Theatre."

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 Cassio, Mr PRITCHARD, Gratiano, Mr TILBURY,
 Ludovico, Mr WORRELL, Antonio, Mr HARRIS,
 Montano, Mr J. WEBSTER,
 Roderigo, Mr WEBSTER, Julio, Mr BENDER,
 Messenger, Mr Collett, Marco, Mr Roberts,
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 The Melo-Dramatic Music by RODWELL.

The Properties, Decorations, &c. by BRADWELL. The Machinery by Mr Sloman.
 The Dresses by HEAD and Mrs BALDING.

Caliph Haroun Al Raschid M. J. WEBSTER, Noureddin, Mr COLLINS,
 Shik Ibrahim, Mr TILBURY, Ciafar, Mr HARRIS.

The Sultan Mohammed Zenebi Mr THOMPSON
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Elvino, Mr WILSON,
Alessio, Mr DURUSET, Pedro, Mr HUGHES,
Notary, Mr F. COOKE,
Joanno,..... Mr HENRY.
Amina, Mrs WOOD,
Teresa, Mrs C. JONES. Liza, Miss BETTS.

After which. (First Time) a new Drama, (in two acts) called

King Hal's early Days.

Harry the Eighth, Mr COOPER,
The Lord Howard..... Mr BRINDAL,
Algernon, (Page to Lord Howard) Miss TAYLOR,
Sir Edward Hawarde. Mr HOOPER,
Lambkin, Mr BARTLEY,
Sir Philip Wrangham,..... Mr F. COOKE,
Nicholas Carew, Mr DURUSET,
Master Silvermark, Mr MEADOWS,
Headpole, Mr FENTON,
Snell & Gilby (Ushers) Messrs. Honner & Mears,
Gregory, Mr HATTON,
Toby..... Mr T. MATTHEWS,
Watchmen, Mess. Blake and Heath,
Agnes..... Mrs HOOPER,
Blanche, Mrs HUMBY.

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YESTERDAY evening Mrs. Wood commenced her engagement at this Theatre as *Amina*, in Bellini's Opera of *La Sonnambula* ; it was her first appearance in that character in London, though she has played it with great success in America, and also in the Provinces. She was greeted on her *entrée* with enthusiastic applause, with waving hats, handkerchiefs, &c. she looks remarkably well, and we never heard her in finer voice ; she sang with more purity of style than when we last heard her, never overloading her airs with extraneous ornament, a fault she was too apt to fall into when last in London ; she was heartily applauded during the progress of the performance, and called before the curtain at the end of the second act, and also after the finale, which was encored. Just as the curtain fell the audience were thrown into a state of painful excitement, caused by Mrs. Wood rushing to the front of the stage to pick up her bouquet, and as she retired with it, the heavy curtain fell, which would have crushed her, had not some of the assistants sprung forward and drew her away. The Opera was very well done, Miss Betts is the best *Liza* we ever saw, and Wilson sang sweetly, though he was dreadfully tame in his acting. Seguin sang his air in the first act remarkably well, and Duruset's *Alessio* was very laughable ; the Opera was given out for repetition on Tuesday with unanimous applause. A new Drama, in two acts, called *King Hal's Early Days* was afterwards acted for the first time, with but indifferent success. The plot turns on a freak of the King who disguises himself as a yeoman of the guards to pry into the conduct of the city watch ; in that disguise he hears some wholesome truths, and discovers a few intrigues, and the next morning profits by his knowledge to do some acts of kindness and justice. It is but a heavy concern and will not be likely to benefit the treasury. *Turning the Tables* concluded.—The house was quite full.

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A letter of the 15th instant from Vienna, alludes to a report that the young and accomplished Italian singer, Mademoiselle Tadolini, had thrown herself from the window of a third floor into the canal at Venice, and had been drowned. Letters however which had been received at Viennā, from Venice, make no mention of this occurrence.—*French Paper.*

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NORMANS.—Ivanhoe, Mr PRITCHARD,
 Sir Brian de Bois Guilbert,..... Mr J. WEBSTER,
 Sir Reginald Front de Bœuf, Mr VANDENHOFF,
 Sir Maurice de Bracy, Mr BENDER, Eustace, Mr ROBERTS,
 Sir Lucas de Beaumanoir, Mr TILBURY,

JEWES—Isaac of York Mr G. BENNETT,
 Rebecca, Miss VINCENT,

SAXONS—Cedric of Rotherwood, Mr THOMPSON,
 Wamba, Mr WEBSTER, Robin Hood, Mr COLLINS,
 Friar Tuck, Mr RANSFORD, Allan-a-Dale, Mr M'IAN,
 Rowena, Miss LAND, Ulrica, Mrs W. WEST.

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 Mrs Dudley, Mrs GLOVER, Sophia, Miss VINCENT,
 Mary, Miss LEE, Mrs Grimsley, Mrs GARRICK,
 Miss Stokes, Miss REED, Mrs Taylor, Miss PARTRIDGE.

To conclude with, (6th time) an entirely new Grand Eastern Romance, founded
 on a Tale in the *Arabian Nights Entertainment* called

Noureddin, & the Fair Persian;

Caliph Haroun A raschid, Mr J. WEBSTER, Nouredin, Mr COLLINS
 Shick Ibrahim, Mr TILBURY, Ciafar, Mr HARRIS,
 The Sultan Mohammed Zenebi..... Mr THOMPSON
 Ormandi, Mr WORRELL, About Cassim, Mr R. SS,
 Hassan, Mr PRITCHARD, Compo, Mr WEBSTER,

Armanos, Bidamar, Anbar, &c.—Messrs. Bender, Collett, Huckel, &c.
Pirates of the Bay..... Morad Abdallah, Mr G. BENNETT,
Kavannah and Saigiar.... (his Associates) Mr M'IAN and Mr PAULO,
 Nourmahal.—or—"Star of Morn" (the Fair Persian) Miss VINCENT.
 Badoura, Miss LEE, Ebene, Miss NICHOLSON,

Scenery in the New Grand Eastern Romance of Noureddin & the Fair Persian.
 Vista in the Moonlit Grove of Palms. Assemblage of the Fies and Fairies—
 The Queen's Mission, Noureddin's Palace near Balsora, and Grand View of
 the City of the Golden River. Song—The Sunbeams are Dancing, and
 merrily Glancing," (Rodwell) Mr COLLINS. Apartment looking in the
 Garden, (Moonlight.) Banqueting Hall:—Pas de Deux and Ballet, by
 Madame Vedy, Herr Schmidt, and the Corps de Ballet. Song—"The Moon-
 beams upon the Sea" (Rodwell) Miss VINCENT. Rocky Fissure of
 Cliffs, and Sea Shore by Sunset.—Pirate Fight! Escape of Noureddin and
 Nourmahal.—The Boat diminishing as it recedes from the shore.—Entrance
 to the Pavilion of Pleasure, Splendid hall of Silver Mirrors! Song—"Rosa
 Quor! quickly bring luscious juices of the vine." (Rodwell) Mr COLLINS
 The Dream of Futurity! The Vision in Four Parts: 'Tableau 1st, Mansion
 of Nouredin, The Spendthrift!—Tableau 2nd, Wilderness of Ava The
 Outcast!—Tableau 3d, The Miser's Hovel, The Murderer!—Tableau 4th
 The Place of Execution, The Felon! Gardens of the Pavilion by Moonlight;
 Port and City of Balsora, Comic Song, "Throw Physic to de Dogs," (Blevitt)
 Mr WEBSTER. Magnificent Grand Divan-Kaneh! in the Palace of the
 Sultan Zenebi. Preparation for the Midnight Execution—Denouement!

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

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Fair Rosamond !

The whole of the MUSIC Composed by JOHN BARNETT.
King Henry II. (disguised as a Troubadour) Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Walter Lord de Clifford, Mr GIUBELEI,
Sir Alberic de Vere, (betrothed to Rosamond) Mr WILSON,
Sir Thomas Vaughan (the King's Favorite) Mr SEGUIN,
Sir Raymond de Burgh, Mr HENRY,
Le Baron Chatelet. Mr MEARS, **Le Comte Marcel,** Mrs JONES,
Hubert, (*Page to Sir Raymond*) Miss POOLE,
Eleanor, (*Queen of England*) Miss BETTS
Rosamond (De Clifford's Daughter) Miss ROMER,
The Lady Blanche (her Friend) Miss FANNY HEALY,
The Music published by Cramer, Addison & Beale, Regent-st

After which. (second Time) a new Drama, (in two acts) called

King Hal's Early Days.

Harry the Eighth, Mr COOPER,
The Lord Howard..... Mr BRINDAL,
Algernon, (*Page to Lord Howard*) Miss TAYLOR,
Sir Edward Hawarde, Mr HOOPER,
Lambkin, Mr BARTLEY,
Sir Philip Wrangham,..... Mr F. COOKE,
Nicholas Carew, Mr DURUSET,
Master Silvermark, Mr MEADOWS,
Headpole, Mr FENTON,
Snell & Gilby (Ushers) Messrs. Honner & Mears,
Gregory, Mr HATTON,
Toby..... Mr T. MATTHEWS
Watchmen, Mess. Blake and Heath,
Agnes..... Mrs HOOPER,
Blanche, Mrs HUMBY.

To conclude with the Second Act of the New Grand Ballet, called The

Devil on Two Sticks !

Asmodeus Mr WIELAND, **Cleophas,** Mr G. GILBERT,
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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

ON Saturday evening the Musical Drama of *Ivanhoe* was repeated here with *The Happiest Day of my Life*, and *Noureddin*, and the *Fair Persian*. Mr. Fitzball disowns the authorship of the latter piece. The Drama by Sheridan Knowles, which is in rehearsal here, was represented some years ago at one of the Dublin Theatres, but it has been entirely remodelled, and rewritten since then.

ST. JAMES'S.—The entertainments at this Theatre this week, are Adam's popular Opera of *The Postilion*, Boz's Farce of *Is She is his Wife? or, Something Singular!* and Mrs S. C. Hall's Drama of *Mabel's Curse*. In the course of the evening Mr. Lionel Goldsmid will, as *Doctor Crochette*, give his imitations, and ventriloquism, &c.

ADELPHI.—This evening an entirely new Burletta, from the *Pickwick Papers*, entitled *The Peregrinations of Pickwick; or, Boz-i-a-na*, will be produced for the first time.

It is said that Mr. Morris is about to dispose of the Haymarket Theatre, and has empowered Mr. G. Robins either to sell or let it. His Majesty has just granted an extension of the license to ten months. Ill health is the cause of Mr. Morris's retirement from his managerial duties. £35000 is the sum asked for the Theatre.

Morris Barnett is starring it at Bath, his *Monsieur Jacques* has drawn good houses. Mrs. Waylett is at Chester, and Templeton and Miss Shirreff are performing in Dublin.

The following dreadful accident occurred at the Queen's Theatre, Manchester, on Wednesday evening last. During the performance of a Drama, called *Lilian, the Show Girl*, Mr. Eger-ton, in the character of *Everard*, had to fire at some robbers, but when he pulled the trigger the pistol missed fire. A person named Finlayson, the propertyman of the Theatre, who was stationed at one of the wings, as is customary when firearms are discharged on the stage, in order that should such a failure happen he may fire to keep up the illusion, fired a pistol, when horrible to relate, an actor, named Campbell, who personated *Mr. Felton* in the piece, was at the moment preparing to enter on the stage, and received the contents of the pistol, what ever they were, in his left side, and fell to rise no more with life. He groaned feebly for a few minutes, but before a surgeon, who was

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in the boxes, could get behind the scenes, he had ceased to exist. Mrs. Campbell, his wife, was dressing for the next piece, and was removed home in a state of distraction. They had only joined the company the previous Monday, and have three children to lament the loss of their parent. The unhappy man who fired the pistol is in a state of pitiable distress, he was particularly intimate with his victim. The manager, Mr. Beverley, has promised to pay the funeral expenses, and to continue the salary of the deceased to his widow till the end of the season.

When Kean first appeared many contradictory reports were circulated respecting his education, and a Mr. C—, resolving to put it to the test, wrote to him one morning a note in Latin, requesting some tickets for his benefit, "Well" said R—, "and how did Kean construe it?" "Into an insult," was the reply. The same gentleman, who was always a warm partizan of Kean, being once hard pressed on the subject of Kean's academic deficiencies, exclaimed "Surely, Sir, a man may have drunk at the well of learning without being expected to swallow the bucket."

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Duke of Buckingham, Mr COOPER,
Earl of Richmond Mr WARDE,
Earl of Norfolk, Mr HOOPER,
Lord Stanley, Mr DIDDEAR,
Tressel..... Mr BRINDAL,
Queen, Miss HUDDART, Lady Anne, Miss TAYLOR,
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After which, (4 h time these 12 years) the Melo-Drama of

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Pepin, (King of France) Mr MATHEWS,

Henry, Mr BRINDAL, Hanfray, Mr HENRY.

Valentine (a Foundling) Mr HOWELL,

Orson.....(a Wild Man).....Mr T. MATTHEWS,

Blandiman, Mr DIDDEAR, Hugo, Mr MEADOWS

Emperor of Greece, Mr BLAKE,

The Princess Eglantine, Miss TAYLOR, Agatha, Miss POOLE

Florimonda of Aquitaine, Miss BALLIN,

Dame Cicely,.....Miss SOMMERVILLE,

The Empress Belisanta, Mrs W. CLIFFORD,

SARACENS.

The Sorcerer Agramant, Mr F. COOKE, Iman, Mr PERRY,

The Golden Oracle, Mr.....,

Genius Pacolet, Miss MARSHALL.

The following is the order of the Scenery. Incident, &c.

The Suburbs and view of the City of Orleans, with the triumphal entry of Pepin King of France. Interior of a Monastery. The King's Palace. A Chamber in the Palace: The Forest of Orleans! Appearance of Orson, the Wild Man, and his foster-mother, a Bear! A Novel Combat, by Valentine, Orson, and the Bear, Court yard of the Palace. Apartment in the Palace. Interior of Pavilion and Palace Gardens. Grand Banquet, in which will take place A Pas de Six, by the Coryphees, and a Pas de Deux, by Mr. Gilbert and Madame Giublei. A Rocky Pass. Encampment of the Green Knight. Appearance of the Genius Pacolet in a flying Car. Giants Castle. Magic Chamber, with the Golden Oracle. The piece will conclude with Reception of the Emperor of Greece by the King of France in the Grand Hall of Audience.

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Duke of York..... Miss MALE,
Henry, Earl of Richmond, Mr PRITCHARD,
Tressel, Mr J. WEBSTER,
Norfolk,..... Mr RANSFORD,
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ST. JAMES'S—Mrs. Hall's Drama called *Mabel's Curse* has proved quite a hit, and with the Musical Burletta of *The Possillion*, brought excellent houses last week. Miss Rainforth's acting in the latter piece has raised her reputation considerably. Last night those successful pieces were repeated, with the amusing Farce of *Is She His Wife?* and Mr. Goldsmid gave his clever imitations and ventriloquism, which entertainments will be repeated for the remainder of the week.

ADELPHI.—Last night a new piece, called *The Peregrinations of Pickwick*, was produced at this Theatre ; Mr. Yates stated that it had been written and got up in six days, to forestall a similar piece at a rival Theatre. Inconsequence of this haste it was rather imperfectly done, and though the first acts were greatly applauded, there was some disapprobation at the end. We shall return to the subject in to-morrow's number.

The Society of British Artists, in Suffolk Street.—The fourteenth exhibition of this society is now open to the public, and affords a treat of no ordinary nature to the lovers of the pictorial art ; it is decidedly superior to any of the former exhibitions, containing works of the very highest order. Of the exhibitors, Mr. Hurlstone deserves the first mention, he has no less than fourteen pictures all good, but his *chef d'œuvre* is his group from the "Prisoner of Chillon," in which the figure of the youngest is most beautifully painted, and the head of the elder brother is very fine ; "His Italian Shepherd Boy and Wolf Dog," is also a very clever picture. Mr. Parker's "Smuggler" is a work of great merit, as are Mr. Clater's "Fisherman and Will

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Watch." That promising young artist, Mr. Cope, has tried a higher subject than any of the previous works, an historical picture called "Repose in Egypt," the arrangement of the principal group is eminently happy, and the coloring is excellent. Mr. Prentiss has a pair of sweetly painted domestic scenes, "Fruits of Idleness and Fruits of Industry." There are many clever landscapes of these Shayer's "Waiting Market Time," Mr. Lee's "Evening Showers," Wilson's "Boats going out to a wreck," are among the best. Linton, T. S. Cooper, Davis, Tennant, and Miss Fanny Cobeaux, Dawe, Creswick, and Pyne have each contributed good specimens in their respective styles. There are some clever drawings of which we were most pleased with Mr. C. M. Martin's "Othello relating his adventures to Desdemona." Many of the best pictures are sold, and it would be a libel on the taste of the town were not such the case.

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Elvino, Mr WILSON,

Alessio, Mr DURUSET, Pedro, Mr HUGHES,

Notary, Mr F. COOKE,

Joanno,.....Mr HENRY.

Amina, Mrs WOOD,

Teresa, Mrs C. JONES. Liza, Miss BETTS.

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ADELPHI.—The new Burletta of *The Peregrinations of Pickwick*, having undergone some judicious curtailments, was performed for the second time last night with great applause. This dramatic adaptation of the celebrated "Pickwick" papers, the principal scenes of which have been carefully culled & closely followed, has been cleverly done, some serious business, founded on the "Queen Client," having been judiciously interwoven to heighten the dramatic effect, which gives Mrs. Yates an opportunity of displaying her domestic tragic powers, in which line she is unequalled. Hemming also, as her unfortunate husband, acted with great feeling and judgment. The dialogue of the comic scenes abounds in wit and humour, and Yates's personation of that amusing personage, *Pickwick*, wasimitable; everybody ought to see him. Buckstone was admirable as *Jingle*, and Reeve most laughable as *Sam Weller*. The fat boy *Joe*, *Dr. Slammer*, and *Snodgrass* had efficient representatives in Messrs. Dunn, Sanders, and Sterling. Mrs. Fitzwilliam must not be forgotten; the archness of her acting as *Norah*, and the sweetness of her singing, frequently elicited marked applause. Altogether this is one of the most amusing pieces which has been produced at this favorite place of amusement, and will doubtless be very attractive.

Nourrit, the celebrated tenor singer, took his Farewell Benefit at the Academie Royale de Musique, in Paris, on Saturday night last, on which occasion the leading performers from all the other Theatres walked in procession in the masked ball scene of *Gustavus*, as a compliment to their professional brother. Mars, Taghioni, and Madame Cinti, were most applauded after the hero of the night, who pocketed 50000 francs by the Benefit.

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Hubert. Mr G. BENNETT, Robert Faulconbridge, Mr Beckett,

Prince Henry Miss LACY, Philip, Mr PRITCHARD,

Queen Elinor, Mrs W. WEST, Blanche of Castile, Miss LEE,

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After which, the Entertainment of

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Charles Stapleton, Mr PRITCHARD,

Narcissus Stubble,.... Mr WEBSTER,

James, Mr COLLETT,

Robert, Mr BENDER, John, Mr BECKETT,

Miss Susan Platt. Mrs GLOVER,

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To conclude with, the Farce of The

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Rosse, Mr MATHEWS,
Fleance, Miss MARSHALL, Seward, Mr F. COOKE,
Seyton, Mr FENTON,
Serjeant, Mr HENRY, Physician, Mr MEARS,
Hecate, Mr SEGUIN,
First Witch.... . Mr BARTLEY,
Second Witch, Mr MEADOWS.
Third Witch..... Mr SHUTER.
Lady Macbeth, Miss HUDDART,
Gentlewoman..... Miss SOMERVILLE,

To conclude with, the Opera of

Gustavus the Third.

Gustavus the Third, Mr WARDE,
Colonel Lillienborn..... Mr WILSON,
Captain Ankarstrom, Mr SEGUIN,
Count D'Essen..... Mr HONNER,
The Baron Bjelke, Mr F. COOKE,
Ribbing..... Mr HENRY,
De Horn, Mr S. JONES,
Engleheart,..... Mr BEDFORD.
Oscar,..... (first time)..... Miss ROMER,
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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

MACREADY repeated his masterly personation of *King John* in the Play of that name last night, Vandenhoff playing *Falconbridge*, and Helen Faucit *Lady Constance*; the Tragedy was followed by the amusing Interlude of *Highways and Byways*, in which Pritchard, Webster, and Mrs. Glover acted admirably well. *The Happiest Day of my Life* concluded. William Farren is returned from his trip to Liverpool, and will next week sustain the principal male character in a new Farce, *yclept, The Modern Orpheus*; Mrs. Glover has also a good part in it.

There is another husband looked out for Miss Ellen Tree, a French Count, with a fortune of £12000 per annum, an almost incredible sum for a French Count to possess.

The following we extract from an article, called Theatre Royal, Little Peckington, in the *New Monthly Magazine*, for the present month, written by a certain clever dramatist, and which is intended as a satire on theatrical criticism: "Last night our Dramatic Temple was opened for the season to the votaries of Thalia and Melpomene. Long before the rising of the curtain the house was filled in every part to a degree of compact impervious density. Nor is this to be wondered at. A new Melo drama, written by that subtle and deep searching dramatist, Mr. Dowlas, the principal, or indeed the chief and main sustaining character of which was to be represented by that heart probing and soul searching actor, Mr. Snoxell, was of itself sufficient to account for the circumstance. But when it is considered that in addition to this, an occasional address from the feminine and graceful pen of Miss Cripps was to be delivered, and also that the facetious and mirth compelling Mr. Tiptleton was to appear in two pieces, written expressly for the purpose of displaying his unrivalled and incomparable powers, wonder must altogether subside and cease."

Sheridan going by coach to Stafford with the intention of trying again his luck with that borough, one of his passengers happened

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to be an elector, on discovering which Sheridan took the opportunity of asking him for whom he should vote. The other, ignorant who it was put the question, replied, that neither of the candidates were much to be depended on, but that he would vote for the devil sooner than that scamp Sheridan. The conversation here dropped for awhile, but having in the interim contrived to learn from the coachman in the name of his opponent, Sheridan resumed the discourse by observing that he had heard say there were many corrupt rogues among the Stafford electors, and among them was one Thompson, the biggest scoundrel in the Borough. "I am Mr. Thompson!" cried his fellow traveller crimson with rage. "And I am Mr. Sheridan!" rejoined the wit. The joke was immediately seen, and the parties became sworn friends ever after.

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Lutold, Mr COLLETT,
Gerard.....Mr DUBOUCHET,
Anneli, Miss LEE,
Agnes.....Miss NICHOLSON,
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William Tell.....Mr SHERIDAN KNOWLES,
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A new grand Oratorio, entitled *Mose*, has lately been performed at Munich. It is the composition of Dachner, whose prize symphony has created so much sensation among the musical writers of Germany, as to have drawn from Dr. Fink, the learned editor of the *Algemeine Zeitung*, a recent article upon the subject of the controversy now raging between the admirers of this much talked of composition and their opponents.

We subjoin another extract from that amusing article, "Theatre Royal, Little Pedlington." "The overture was performed with that chromatic intonation, that wondrous power of harmonic modulation, and that singularly Mozart like oneness of effect for which Mr. Wagglebow's band is so eminently celebrated. But looking, as is our wont to do, beneath the surface, and penetrating the innermost soul, and under current of things, we must say that there were passages of that marvellous work (the March in the Battle of Prague,) which were not given in accordance with the sublime and astonishing intuition of the master spirit which produced it. It is not with a composition of such masterly and wide sweeping grandeur, such subtilty of depth and refinement, as this, as it may be with such works as "Molly put the kettle on," or "Hey Cockelorum Jig," which appeal to the mere obvious sympathies of our nature. This composer, *Hedf as*

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FRENCH.

Pepin, (King of France) Mr MATHEWS,

Henry, Mr BRINDAL, Haufray, Mr HENRY.

Valentine (a Foundling) Mr HOWELL,

Orson.....(a Wild Man).....Mr T. MATTHEWS,

Blandiman, Mr DIDDEAR, Hugo, Mr MEADOWS

Emperor of Greece, Mr BLAKE,

The Princess Eglantine, Miss TAYLOR, Agatha, Miss POOLE

Florimonda of Aquitaine, Miss BALLIN,

Dame Cicely,.....Miss SOMMERVILLE,

The Empress Belisanta, Mrs W. CLIFFORD,

SARACENS.

The Sorcerer Agramant, Mr F. COOKE, Iman, Mr PERRY,

The Golden Oracle, Mr.....,

Genius Pacolet, Miss MARSHALL.

The following is the order of the Scenery, Incidents, &c.

The Suburbs and view of the City of Orleans, with the triumphal entry of Pepin King of France. Interior of a Monastery. The King's Palace. A Chamber in the Palace: The Forest of Orleans ! Appearance of Orson, the Wild Man, and his foster-mother, a Bear ! A Novel Combat, by Valentine, Orson, and the Bear. Court yard of the Palace. Apartment in the Palace. Interior of Pavilion and Palace Gardens. Grand Banquet, in which will take place A Pas de Six, by the Coryphees, and a Pas de Deux, by Mr. Gilbert and Madame Giublei. A Rocky Pass. Encampment of the Green Knight. Appearance of the Genius Pacolet in a flying Car. Giants Castle. Magic Chamber, with of Golden Oracle. The piece will conclude with Reception of the Emperor of Greece by the King of France in the Grand Hall of Audience.

To conclude with, Weber's Grand Opera of

Der Freischutz.

Adolph, Mr WILSON, Casper, Mr BEDFORD,
Kilian, Mr DURUSET.
Linda, Miss BETTS, Rose, Miss POOLE.

Theatre Royal, Covent Garden.

This Evening, the Tragedy of

ION.

Adrastus, (King of Argos) Mr VANDENHOFF,
Cteslphon, Mr J. WEBSTER,
Cassander.....Mr WORRELL,
Ion, Mr MACREADY,
Medon,.....Mr THOMPSON,
Phocion, Mr G. BENNETT,
Agenor {
Cleon { Sages of Argos { Mr PRITCHARD,
Timocles { Mr TILBURY,
Mr HARRIS,
Crythes, Mr BENDER,
Soldier, Mr COLLETT, Irus, Miss LANE,
Clemanthe, Miss H. FAUCIT.

After which, the Entertainment of

High-Ways & By-Ways

Charles Stapleton, Mr PRITCHARD,
Narcissus Stubble,... Mr WEBSTER,
James, Mr COLLETT,
Robert, Mr BENDER, John, Mr BECKETT,
Miss Susan Platt. Mrs GLOVER,
Eliza Gordon, Miss LEE, Miss Primly, Mrs GARRICK.

To conclude with, the Grand Romance of

The Forty Thieves.

Cassim Baba. Mr THOMPSON, Ali Baba, Mr TILBURY,
Ganem, (his Son) Mr J. WEBSTER,
Mustapha, (with a Comic Song,) Mr WEBSTER,
Selim, Mr BECKETT, Azrim, Mr WILSON,
Princess Zelie, Miss LEE, Zaide, Miss NICHOLSON,
Morgiana, with the Song of 'The Summer Floater,' Miss VINCENT
Banditti.—Abdallab, Mr HARRIS,
Hassarac, Mr PRITCHARD, Yuseph, Mr WORRELL,
Genii—Orcobrand, Mr M'IAN,
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THE performances at this Theatre, yesterday evening, commenced with the two last acts of the Opera of *Cinderella*, which were followed by the Melo-drama of *Valentine and Orson*, concluding with Weber's Opera of *Der Freischutz*. We are pleased to record an instance of disinterestedness on the part of Mr. Forrest. It is known that the first six performances of that Tragedian were a speculation of Mr. Willis Jones, and not a profitable one; when he tendered Mr. Forrest the sum agreed on for his services, Mr. F. declined taking anything, and that in the handsomest manner.

COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

IN consequence of the illness of Mr. Sheridan Knowles, the Tragedy of *Ion* was substituted here last night for the Play of *Julius Cæsar*, in which that gentleman was to have personated *Marc Anthony*. *Highways and Byways*, and *The Forty Thieves*, were the other entertainments. Mr. Bartley has been unanimously appointed joint trustee and treasurer of the Theatrical Fund of this Theatre, in the room of the late Mr. Fawcett. We know of no gentleman better fitted for the office than Mr. Bartley, and it is highly to his credit that he has declined receiving any salary or remuneration whatever.

The following opinion of English critics and audiences is given by Mr. Forrest, in a letter to a friend:

"The London Press, as you probably have noticed, has been divided concerning my professional merits; though, as a good republican I ought to be satisfied, seeing I had an overwhelming majority on my side. There is a degree of dignity and critical precision and force in their articles generally, (I speak of those against me as well as for me, and others also of which my acting was not the subject,) that place them far above the newspaper criticism which we meet with in our country. Their comments always shew one thing—that they have read and appreciated the writings of their chief dramatists; while with us there are many who would hardly know, were it not for the actors, that Shakspeare ever existed. The audiences too have a quick and fresh perception of the beauties of the Drama. They seem from the timeliness and proportions of their applause, to possess a previous knowledge of the text. They applaud warmly, but seasonably. They do not interrupt a passion and oblige the actor to sustain it beyond the propriety of nature! but if he delineates it forcibly and truly, they reward him in the intervals of the dialogue. Variations from the accustomed modes, though not

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in any palpable new reading, which for the most part are bad readings, for there is generally but one mode positively correct, and that has not been left for us to discover, but slight change in emphasis, tone or action, delicate shadings and pencillings, are observed with singular and most gratifying quickness.—You find that your study of Shakspeare has not been thrown away; that your attempt to grasp the character in its gross and scope, as well as in its details, not merely to know how to speak what is written, but to preserve its truth and keeping in a new succession of incidents could it be exposed to them, you find that this is seen and appreciated by the audience, and the evidence that they see and feel is given with an emphasis and heartiness that make the Theatre shake.”

A handsome young female vocalist, named Ann Lindsey, well known in the Provincial Theatres, is in duance vile on a charge, with her servant and another female, of conspiring to impose a purloined child on a member of Parliament, as his offspring.

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AUSTRIANS.

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Sarnem, Mr HARRIS,
Struth.....Mr TILBURY,
Fraun, Mr WEBSTER,
Rodolph.....Mr RAY,
Lutold, Mr COLLETT,
Gerard.....Mr DUBOUCHET,
Anneli, Miss LEE,
Agnes.....Miss NICHOLSON,
SWISS.
William Tell.....Mr VANDENHOFF,
Albert, Miss LANE,
Melchtal.....Mr THOMPSON,
Waldman, Mr HUCKEL,
Pierre.....Mr BECKETT,
Michael, Mr PRITCHARD,
Jagheli.....Mr BENDER,
Emma, Mrs W. WEST. Savoyard, Miss LAND.

After which, Shakspeare's Comedy of

Katherine & Petruchio.

Petruchio, Mr PRITCHARD, Grumio, Mr WEBSTER,
Baptista, Mr THOMPSON, Hortensio, Mr J. WEBSTER,
Katherine, Miss HELEN FAUCIT,
Curtis, Mrs GARRICK, Bianca, Miss LEE.

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Nina, Miss LEE. Ladies, Visitors, &c. Miss Lacy, &c.

On Monday, Richard the Third, and other Entertainments.

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LA SONNAMBULA

With the whole of the Music by Signor BELLINI.

Count Rhodolpho.....Mr SEGUIN,
Elvino, Mr WILSON,
Alessio, Mr DURUSET, Pedro, Mr HUGHES,
Notary, Mr F. COOKE,
Joanno,.....Mr HENRY.
Amina, Mrs WOOD,
Teresa, Mrs C. JONES. Liza, Miss BETTS.
Villagers—Messrs. Atkins, Butler, Chant, Healy,
Jones, Walsh, Macarthy, Price, &c
Mesdames Allcroft, Boden, R. Boden, Butler, East,
Connelly, Goodson, Goodwin, &c.

To conclude with, (14th Time) a New Historical Opera, in Four Acts, called

Fair Rosamond !

The whole of the MUSIC Composed by JOHN BARNETT.

King Henry II. (*disguised as a Troubadour*) M H. PHILLIPS
Walter Lord de Clifford, Mr GIUBELMI,
Sir Alberic de Vere, (*betrothed to Rosamond*) Mr WILSON,
Sir Thomas Vaughan (*the King's Favorite*) Mr SEGUIN,
Sir Raymond de Burgh, Mr HENRY,
Le Baron Chatelet, Mr MEARS, Le Comte Marcel, Mrs JONES,
Hubert, (*Page to Sir Raymond*) Miss POOLE,
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THIS Theatre was again crowded in every part on Saturday night to witness the performance of *La Sonnambula* and *Fair Rosamond*. We hear all the boxes are taken for to-night, for Mr. Bunn's benefit

OLYMPIC.—The most decided and satisfactory proof of the merit of the new Burletta of *The Rape of the Lock* is that its attraction has increased rather than diminished on each succeeding representation; the taste with which it has been got up, and the admirable manner in which it is acted, joined to its intrinsic merit, must ensure it a triumphant career. The fair lessee never looked more beautiful than she does as *Belinda*. The charming Burletta of *The Barrack Room*, and *One Hour*, will be played with it to-night.

A Sunday journal announces that Mr. Forrest, the American tragedian, has recently led to the hymeneal altar Miss Sinclair, the accomplished daughter of the eminent vocalist of that name.

We understand that a new German Opera is to be produced at the St. James's Theatre, as soon as *The Postilion* has had a little longer run, the libretto is by Mr. Logan, who wrote the English version of *Der Freischutz*.

On Tuesday last R. B. Allardice, Esq. was sentenced in the Criminal Court Aberdeen to pay a fine of £20 for having horse-whipped an actor named Ryder at the Royal Hotel. Mr. Allardice had previously given Mr. Ryder £20 to be distributed to the poor of the city, besides making an apology; the assault arose from Mr. Ryder saying something which was offensive to Mr. Allardice.

Mr. Nathan, the author of Hebrew melodies, and of *Musurgia Vocalis*, is now composing an Opera, and from the acknowledged taste and science of this gentleman we may anticipate a work of great talent.

Most of our readers are doubtless aware that the theatrical slang phrase for hissing is goosing. The other night when a

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a new Burletta was played at one of our Theatre, there was a good deal of hissing, on which a gentleman, who seemed deeply interested in the success of the piece, turned round, and frowning with amazing fierceness on a gentleman who was seated some distance from him, and who was hissing, exclaimed "By G—d I'll shoot every goose in the Theatre." "Don't, for heaven's sake, commit *suicide* in a place of public amusement," was the pithy reply, which elicited a roar of laughter from all around, to the great mortification of the chop fallen dictator.

Lame Verses.

Talsourd was very right to shun
The stage of Drury and its don ;
Ion with *Bunn* would scarce have—run
For 'twould have been a *Bun(n)-I-on* !

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Richard, Duke of Glo'ster.....Mr MACREADY,
Prince of Wales, Miss LANE,
Duke of York.....Miss MALE,
Henry, Earl of Richmond, Mr PRITCHARD,
Tressel, Mr J. WEBSTER,
Norfolk,Mr RANSFORD,
Stanley, Mr TILBURY,
Catesby, Mr BENDER, Ratcliffe, Mr HARRIS,
Officer, Mr COLLETT,
Blunt, Mr Beckett, Lord Mayor, Mr Ross,
Lieutenant of the Tower, Mr HUCKEL,
Lady Anne, Miss VINCENT, Queen, Mrs W. WEST,
Duchess of York, Mrs GARRICK,

After which, the laughable Farce of

The Chimney Piece.

Mr Muddlebrain, Mr W. FARREN,
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The Overture & the whole of the Music composed by M.W.Balfe
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 Night Only,

The Grand and Enlarged Orchestra will be led Mr T. Cooke.

The Marquis de Chateau Vieux, Mr H. PHILLIPS,
 Count Saulnier, & Count Dumilatre, Messrs. S. Jones, & Henry,
 Jules de Montangon, (first time) Mr WILSON,
 Sans Regret, Mr GIUBILEI, Synnelet, Mr SEGUIN,
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 Sailor, Mr T. MATTHEWS,
 Officer of the Gens d'Armes, Mr HATTON, Centinel, Mr MEARS,
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To conclude with (for the Last Time) the New Grand Ballet, called The
Devil on Two Sticks

Asmodeus, Mr WIELAND,
 Cleophas.....Mr G. GILBERT,
 Don Giles, Monsieur GOURIET,
 Bellaspada.....Mr HOWELL,
 Hair-Dresser, Mr F. SUTTON,
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 Valet, Mr Honner, Huntsman, Mr Hatton,
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SHAKSPEARE'S Tragedy of *Richard the Third* was represented at this Theatre last night, Macready personating the crook'd backed tyrant; after which, William Farren resumed his station on these boards as *Mr. Muddlebrain*, in the amusing Interlude of *The Chimney Piece*, the entertainments of the evening concluded with *The Sexton of Cologne*.

ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.—Mr. Burnett, a pupil of the Royal Academy, made a very successful *debut* at this Theatre last night in the part of *Squire Norton*, in his brother academician's (Hullah) Opera, *The Village Coquettes*. Mr. Burnett is a very handsome young man, has a peculiarly sweet and mellow voice, and sings with great purity of style; he is evidently quite a novice in acting, having only played a few nights at the Theatre Royal, Edinburgh, but he spoke the dialogue with propriety and good emphasis. He met with what he deserved a most flattering reception, and we have no doubt he will become an ornament to his profession. Mr. Lefler played *Benson* instead of Strickland, and made it what the composer first intended it should be, a singing part; we were quite surprised to see him *act* so well, and so were the audience, who liberally rewarded his exertions by rounds of applause. Harley's *Martin Stokes* was, if possible, more laughable than ever, and the Opera, as well as *The Position*, which preceded it, went off with infinite spirit.—There was a very good house.

VICTORIA.—They are doing very good business (as the theatricals term it) at this Theatre; Mr. Haines's Drama, called *Breakers Ahead* proves highly attractive, and to increase its attraction a troop of real Bedouin Arabs from Tregored in Africa, is introduced, who perform the most astonishing feats. The laughable Farce of *Every Body's Husband* was the after-piece last night.

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LOWTHER ROOMS.—Mr. Blake gave a grand Masquerade at these rooms last night, which was attended by a most numerous and fashionable company. The supper and wines were of a superior description, and the whole amusements went off with the greatest *éclat*.

A short time since a British Naval Officer, in the grand Theatre at Warsaw, directed his Opera glass towards the box of the Princess Paskewitsch longer than the Prince, her husband, the governor, (who is quite a modern Gesler) thought polite: he therefore caused the officer to be arrested, and sent to the guard house. The following morning the officer was told that he was at liberty, but he refused to stir, writing to the British Consul that he would remain a prisoner until he received reparation. After a world of attempts to bend the obstinacy of the officer, he was at last induced to proceed to the Palace where Prince Paskewitsch did at length express his regret for the occurrence.

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Horace Aurelius Selwood.....Mr J. WEBSTER,
George Selwood, Mr PRITCHARD,
Sparrow Mr WEBSTER,
Guard, Mr HARRIS, Samuel, Mr COLLETT,
Fanny Markham, Miss VINCENT,
Sophy Herbert, Miss LEE, Alice, Miss Nicholson,
Temperance, Mrs GLOVER,

In Act II. A Morris Dance.

By Messrs. Wilson, Evans, King, Smith, Jones. Misses Lacey,
Hunt, Reed, Morgan, &c.

After which, the Drama of

I V A N H O E.

NORMANS.—Ivanhoe, Mr PRITCHARD,

Sir Brian de Bois Guilbert,..... Mr J. WEBSTER,

Sir Reginald Front de Bœuf, Mr VANDENHOFF,

Sir Maurice de Bracy, Mr BENDER, Eustace, Mr RAY,

Sir Lucas de Beaumanoir, Mr TILBURY,

JEWS—Isaac of YorkMr G. BENNETT,
Rebecca, Miss VINCENT,

SAXONS—Cedric of Rotherwood, Mr THOMPSON,

Wamba, Mr WEBSTER, Robin Hood, Mr COLLINS,

Friar Tuck, Mr RANSFORD, Allan-a-Dale, Mr M'IAN,

Rowena, Miss LAND, Ulrica, Mrs W. WEST.

To conclude with, the Entertainment of

High-Ways & By-Ways

Charles Stapleton, Mr PRITCHARD,

Narcissus Stubble,... ..Mr WEBSTER,

James, Mr COLLETT,

Robert, Mr BENDER, John, Mr BECKETT,

Miss Susan Platt. Mrs GLOVER,

Eliza Gordon, Miss LEE, Miss Primly, Mrs GARRICK.

To-morrow, Julius Cæsar, and other Entertainments.

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

This Evening, (16th Time) a New Historical Opera, in Four Acts, called

Fair Rosamond !

The whole of the MUSIC Composed by JOHN BARNETT.

King Henry II. (*disguised as a Troubadour*) Mr H. PHILLIPS

Walter Lord de Clifford, Mr GIUBELEI,

Sir Alberic de Vere, (*betroted to Rosamond*) Mr WILSON,

Sir Thomas Vaughan (*the King's Favorite*) Mr SEGUIN,

Sir Raymond de Burgh, Mr HENRY,

Le Baron Chatelet, Mr MEARS, Le Comte Marcel, Mr S. JONES,

Hubert, (*Page to Sir Raymond*) Miss POOLE,

Eleanor, (*Queen of England*) Miss BETTS.

Rosamond (*De Clifford's Daughter*) Miss ROMER,

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The Music published by Cramer, Addison & Beale, Regent-st.

To conclude with, (First Time this Season) the Drama of

KENILWORTH.

Earl of Leicester, Mr COOPER,

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Earl of Shrewsbury, Mr F. COOKE,

Sir Henry Lee Mr FENTON,

Sir Thomas Bowyer, Mr HOWELL,

Secretary, Mr HEATH,

Sir Nicholas Blount, Mr HENRY,

Sir Richard Varney Mr WARDE,

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Sir Walter Raleigh Mr HOOPER,

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Michael Lambourne, Mr BEDFORD,

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C. DANCE's Drama, called *The Country Squire*, was performed here last night in a capital style, indeed we have rarely seen a piece played with more uniformity of talent, all the different characters being equally well supported, and the natural result was that it went off with infinite spirit, and elicited great applause. The Musical Drama of *Ivanhoe* was the second piece, which was followed by *High-ways and By-ways*. Mr. Ransford takes his Benefit at this Theatre on Wednesday next, on which occasion Miss Clara Novello and her brother, with other professionals, will, in addition to the regular company, lend their assistance.

DRURY LANE THEATRE.

At this Theatre, yesterday evening, after the Opera of *Fair Rosamond, Valentine and Orson* was substituted for the Drama of *Kenilworth*.

ADDELPHI.—A Farce, called *The Virginian Mummy*, originally produced at the Surrey Theatre, has been brought out here for the purpose of exhibiting the laughter moving powers of Mr. Rice, and to judge from the shouts of merriment which resounded through the Theatre, the experiment has been most successful. The fun of the piece consists in Ginger Blue, (Rice) being palmed upon Dr. Galen, as a Mummy, by a young soldier who is in love with the Doctor's niece. The Doctor having discovered an elixir which is to restore the dead to life, wishes to try the experiment on a mummy. The Captain gets his mistress, and having substituted whisky and water for the dose concocted by the Doctor, the Mummy gets drunk, and causes great merriment by the way in which he escapes mutilation by the curious who wish to possess a toe, a finger, or some part of the Mummy.

The Princess's Theatre, in Oxford Street, proceeds rapidly towards completion. There are now nearly 200 workmen employed; last week they struck for more wages, but the architect by promptly posting up "Men belonging to the Union or not will be taken in," quickly brought the refractory to their senses.

Some nights ago, at the moment when one of the actors at the Theatre of the Porte St. Martin, Paris, said to another in the piece "Now you have nothing more to do than to recommend yourself to God," some one among the audience cried out "There is no such being." A violent tumult arose, cries of "Turn out the Atheist,"—"Turn out the impious wretch," were heard

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from all sides. The whole house was in an uproar until the author of the confusion had been removed from the box.

Mr. Langton, when a very young man, read Dodsley's "Cleone," to Dr. Johnson, not aware of his extreme impatience to be read to. As he went on, he turned his face to the back of his chair, and put himself into various attitudes which marked his uneasiness. At the end of the act, however, he said, "Come let's have some more, let's go into the slaughterhouse again, Lanky, but I am afraid there is more blood than brains." Yet he afterwards said "When I heard you read it, I thought more highly of its power of language; when I read it myself, I was more sensible of its pathetic effect." And then he paid it a compliment, which many will think very extravagant, "Sir," said he, "if Otway had written this Play, no other of his pieces would have been remembered."

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Elvino, Mr WILSON,
Alessio, Mr DURUSET, Pedro, Mr HUGHES,
Notary, Mr F. COOKE,
Joanno,.....Mr HENRY.
Amina, Mrs WOOD,
Teresa, Mrs C. JONES. Liza, Miss BETTS.
Villagers—Messrs. Atkins, Butler, Chant, Healy
Jones, Walsh, Macarthy, Price, &c.
Mesdames Allcroft, Boden, R. Boden, Butler, East,
Connelly, Goodson, Goodwin, &c.

After which, the First Act of the popular Drama of

THE BRIGAND.

Albert, Mr F. COOKE, Theodore, Mr BRINDAL,
Allessandro Massaroni, Mr COOPER,
Nicolo, Mr MEADOWS, Fabio, Mr HUGHES,
Rubaldo, Mr BEDFORD,
Carlotti, Mr HEALY, Spoletto, Mr HENRY,
Matteo, Mr HOWELL,
Officer, Mr S. JONES, Servant, Mr MEARS,
Marie Grazie, Mrs HOOPER.

To conclude with the First Two Acts of the New Grand Ballet, called The

Devil on Two Sticks

Asmodeus, Mr WIELAND,
Cleophas.....Mr G. GILBERT,
Don Giles, Mr F. SUTTON,
Bellaspada.....Mr HOWELL,
Florinda (aDancer of theOpera) Miss BALLIN,
Paquita, Madame PROCHE GIUBILEI,
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To-morrow, The Maid of Artois, and A Roland for an Oliver.

Theatre Royal, Covent Garden.

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JULIUS CÆSAR.

With the Following Powerful Cast.

Brutus,.....Mr MACREADY,
Cassius, Mr VANDENHOFF,
Marc Antony.....Mr S. KNOWLES,
Julius Cæsar, Mr G. BENNETT,
Octavius,.....Mr PRITCHARD,
Casca, Mr TILBURY, Trobonius, Mr HARRIS,
Decius, Mr J. WEBSTER,
Servius, Mr Worrell, Metellus, Mr Thompson,
Cinna, Mr Collett, Flavius, Mr Huckel,
Pindarus, Mr Ray, Clitus, Mr Beckett,
Strato, Mr Willis, Varro, Mr Smith,
Lucius, Miss Lane, Papilius, Mr Ray.
Silinius, Mr RANSFORD,
First Plebeian,.....Mr WEBSTER,
Second Plebeian, Mr ROSS,
Third Plebeian.....Mr PAULO,
Calphurnia, Miss LEE,
Portia,.....Mrs W. WEST.

After which, the laughable Farce of

The Chimney Piece.

Mr Muddlebrain, Mr W. FARREN,
Frederick.....Mr J. WEBSTER,
Shuffle, Mr WEBSTER,
John Horn.....Mr TILBURY,
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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

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The name of the new Drama, by Sheridan Knowles, is *Brian Boroihme*, or, *the Maid of Erin*; it will be produced in the ensuing week.

One of the most interesting sights in this great metropolis is Madame Tussaud's Exhibition, at the Bazaar, in Baker Street, of Figures of all the celebrated characters of the age, the resem-

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blance to each individual being perfect, and bearing so much the semblance of life, that one feels quite startled on entering the saloon on finding oneself in such a large assembly. Among the most recent additions are capital likenesses of the Ex-Chancellor Eldon, the Protector, Cromwell, and the lamented Malibran.—There are also two groups highly interesting as connected with history, the Napoleon group, containing 13 figures of the great characters of the late war, Napoleon, Wellington, the Emperors of Austria and Russia, the King of Prussia, Nelson, Blucher, Ney, &c. &c. and the Coronation of William the Fourth and his Queen. The Saloon, in which these Models are exhibited, is splendidly fitted up, and presents, especially when lighted up at night, one of the most astonishing *coup d'œils* ever seen. To youth this exhibition is instructive, as well as amusing, impressing on their minds historical facts connected with the characters represented.

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The Overture & the whole of the Music composed by M.W.Balle
Who has in the most obliging manner consented to conduct the Opera for this
Night Only,

The Grand and Enlarged Orchestra will be led Mr T. Cooke.

The Marquis de Chateau Vieux, Mr H. PHILLIPS.
Count Saulnier, & Count Dumilatre, Messrs. S. Jones. & Henry,
Jules de Montangon, (2nd time) Mr WILSON,
Sans Regret, Mr GIUBILEI, Synnelet, Mr SEGUIN,
Martin, Mr BEDEORD, Cim-Gom, Mr WIELAND,
Sailor, Mr T. MATTHEWS,

Officer of the Gens d'Armes, Mr HATTON, Centinel, Mr MEARS,
Soldiers, Messrs. Ashton, Atkins, Birt, Butler, Canfield, &c.

Isoline, (the Maid of Artois—SECOND TIME) Mrs WOOD,
Coralie, Miss F. HEALY, Ninka, Miss POOLE,
Myra, Madame PROCHE GIUBELEI.

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Roland for an Oliver

Sir Mark Chase, Mr BARTLEY,
Mr Selborne, Mr BRINDAL, Alfred Highfyer, Mr HOOPER
Fixture, Mr MEADOWS, Gamekeeper, Mr HENRY,
Maria Darlington. Miss TAYLOR,
Mrs Fixture, Mrs HUMBY, Mrs Selbourne, Miss LEE.

To conclude with, the First Act of the Melo-Drama, called

Valentine and Orson.

FRENCH.

Pepin, (King of France) Mr MATHEWS,
Henry, Mr BRINDAL, Hanfray, Mr HENRY.
Valentine (a Foundling) Mr HOWELL,
Orson.....(a Wild Man).....Mr T. MATTHEWS,
Blandiman, Mr DIDDEAR, Hugo, Mr MEADOWS,
Emperor of Greece, Mr BLAKE,
The Princess Eglantine, Miss TAYLOR, Agatha, Miss POOLE,
Florimonda of Aquitaine, Miss BALLIN,
Dame Cicely,..... Mrs EAST,
The Enpress Belisanta, Mrs W. CLIFFORD,

SARACENS.

The Sorcerer Agramant,.... Mr F. COOKE,
Genius Pacolet, Miss MARSHALL.

To-morrow, King Henry IVth, and Gustavus the Third.

Theatre Royal, Covent Garden.

This Evening, Maturin's Tragedy of

B E R T R A M.

St. Aldobrand, Mr WEBSTER,

Bertram, Mr VANDENHOFF,
Prior, Mr G. BENNETT,

First Monk, Mr HARRIS,
Second Monk, Mr THOMPSON,

Third Monk Mr WORREL,
First Robber, Mr COLLETT,

Second Robber Mr RAY,
Hugo, Mr Ross, Pietro, Mr Bender

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Knight, Mr Paulo.

Imogine, Miss H. FAUCIT,

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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

MATURIN'S Tragedy of *Bertram*, which was produced at this Theatre for the Benefit of Mr. Hamblin, was repeated last night, when Mr. Vandenhoff personated the hero for the first time; he did several things finely, but generally speaking he over acted the part. Helen Faucit imparted great interest to the character of *Imogene*, though she was occasionally almost inaudible. This Tragedy was very popular when first brought out at Drury Lane Theatre in 1816, when Kean and Miss Somerville, (afterwards Mrs. Bunn) were the hero and heroine, but we do not think it likely ever again to be attractive. It reads better than acts, its beauties are rather those of language and sentiment than of action or situation. The interest falls off very much in the last act, where the whole *dénouement* is known and inevitable. Like many other modern Tragedies, there is a want of that necessary connection between what happens, what is said, and what is done, in which we take the essence of dramatic invention to consist. The passion described does not arise naturally out of the previous circumstances, nor lead necessarily to the consequences that follow. It is a sentimental Drama, rather than a Tragedy. *The Sexton of Cologne*, and *Popping the Question* followed the Tragedy.

A solemn pageant took place on the 17th ult, at the Theatre Della Scala, at Milan, in honour of Madame Maliban, the receipts of which were to be appropriated to the erection of a monument to the memory of that celebrated singer in the green-room of that Theatre. The rising of the curtain displayed an open peristyle in perspective, and in the distance, the town of Manchester. A catafalque ornamented with flowers, surrounded by the females of the ballet, and of the choir, clothed in white, with black veils and ribands. The *coup d'œil* was imposing. The funeral overture was composed for the occasion by Donizetti. After several pieces of music, executed by the principal singers of the Theatre, Madlle. Brambilla came forward, attired as a pilgrim, and stated the purpose of the ceremony was that of erecting a monument to the Queen of Song, she then threw off the Pilgrim's dress, and stood as the genius of Music. At a wave of her hand, the monument of Malibran appeared on dazzling clouds, a joyous strain of music was heard, the genii surrounded the monument, crowning it with festoons of flowers, on which were written in gold "Norma, Amina, Romeo, Desdemona."—The house was crowded, and the applause enthusiastic.

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Douglas, Mr BRINDAL, Worcester, Mr F. COOKE,
Westmoreland, Mr HENRY,
Henry Percy, ... surnamed Hotspur, Mr WARDE,
Northumberland, Mr HOWELL,
Sir Richard Vernon, Mr DIDDEAR,
Sir Walter Blunt, Mr DURUSET,
Sir John Fallstaff, Mr BARTLEY,
Poins, Mr HOOPER,
Gadshill, Mr FENTON, Peto, Mr S. JONES,
Bardolph, Mr BEDFORD,
Francis, Mr MEADOWS,
First Carrier, Mr HUGHES,
Second Carrier, Mr SHUTER, Sheriff, Mr MEARS,
First Messenger, Mr HONNER,
Second Messenger, Mr T. MATTHEWS,
Lady Percy, Miss TAYLOR,
Mrs Quickly Mrs C. JONES.

To conclude with, the Opera of

Gustavus the Third.

Gustavus the Third, Mr WARDE,
Colonel Lillienhorn, Mr WILSON,
Captain Ankarstrom, Mr SEGUIN,
Count D'Essen, Mr HONNER,
The Baron Bjelke, Mr F. COOKE,
Ribbing, Mr HENRY,
De Horn, Mr S. JONES,
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Oscar, (2nd time) Miss ROMER,
Madame Ankarstrom, Miss BETTS,
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To-morrow, the Opera of the Maid of Artois.

Theatre Royal, Covent Garden.

This Evening, Shakspeare's Tragedy of

JULIUS CÆSAR.

With the Following Powerful Cast.

Brutus,.....Mr MACREADY,
Cassius, Mr VANDENHOFF,
Marc Antony.....Mr S. KNOWLES,
Julius Cæsar, Mr G. BENNETT,
Octavius,.....Mr PRITCHARD,
Casca, Mr TILBURY, Trobonius, Mr HARRIS,
Decius, Mr J. WEBSTER,
Servius, Mr Worrell, Metellus, Mr Thompson,
Cinna, Mr Collett, Flavius, Mr Huckel,
Pindarus, Mr Bender, Clitus, Mr Beckett,
Strato, Mr Willis, Varro, Mr Smith,
Lucius, Miss Lane, Papilius, Mr Ray.
Silinius, Mr RANSFORD.

To conclude with, the New Original Drama, called

The Country Squire.

Squire Broadlands, Mr W. FARREN,
Horace Aurelius Selwood..... Mr J. WEBSTER,
George Selwood, Mr PRITCHARD,
Sparrow Mr WEBSTER,
Guard, Mr HARRIS, Samuel, Mr COLLETT,
Fanny Markham, Miss VINCENT,
Sophy Herbert, Miss LEE, Alice, Miss Nicholson,
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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

SHAKSPEARE's Play of *Julius Cæsar* was repeated here yesterday evening with the same cast as on Wednesday : it was followed by *The Country Squire*. During Farren's recent visit to Liverpool that piece was played four times in the week, his personation of *Squire Broadlands* being considered quite a *chef d'œuvre* by the Liverpool critics.

Mrs Butler (late Fanny Kemble,) has just published a Drama, called *The Star of Seville*, the plot of which is as follows. The Drama opens with the triumphant entry of King Alphonso into Seville. During his progress through the streets His Majesty is greatly smitten with the charms of Donna Estella, the Star of Seville, whom he spies at a balcony. She is about to be married on the following day to Don Carlos, a nobleman of distinction, between whom and the King a warm friendship has existed from boyhood, but the King unconscious of this engagement, resolves to possess the object of his passion. To effect this purpose he secretly withdraws himself from a festival at the palace, and gains admission to the chamber of the fair one, where, however, he is almost immediately surprised by Don Pedro her brother. A combat ensues, the King is disarmed, and driven from the house with ignominious blows. Returned to his palace, and vowing revenge for the insult inflicted on him, he sends for his trusty friend Don Carlos, and without divulging names causes him to swear the death of the person who has thus outraged the kingly dignity. Don Carlos on learning that the individual against whom he has vowed deadly vengeance is the brother of his betrothed, still considers himself bound by the oath. Don Pedro falls by his hand, the murderer is arrested, condemned and executed, and Donna Estella overwhelmed with grief, expires with him on the scaffold. It will be perceived that the plot verges on extravagance, there are however some passages of great beauty in the Play, a few of which we will give in future numbers.

A few seasons since, there was a low comedian on the Bath stage, of the name of Grossett, who we hear has recently by the death of a distant relation, come into the possession of landed property in Scotland, to the amount of at least £7000 per annum

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Waterford Theatre destroyed by Fire.—"Our Theatre was burnt to ashes this morning about five o'clock. How the fire originated is at present a mystery. There was a performance in the early part of the night at which there was not more than the usual attendance of persons. It is supposed however that the catastrophe was purely accidental. The building was formed of very inflammable materials. We regret that the scenery became a prey to the devouring element.—*Waterford Chronicle* of Saturday last.

During a late performance of *The Miller and his Men* at the Carnarvon Theatre, as the actor who personated *Grindoff* was throwing off his cloak, it became entangled with the trigger of one of his pistols, which went off, and the wadding entered his body. Faint hopes are entertained of his recovery.

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The Overture & the whole of the Music composed by M.W.Balle
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The Marquis de Chateau Vieux, Mr H. PHILLIPS.
Count Saulnier, & Count Dumilatre, Messrs. S. Jones, & Henry,
Jules de Montangon, (3rd time) Mr WILSON,
Sans Regret, Mr GIUBILEI, Synnelet, Mr SEGUIN,
Martin, Mr BEDEORD, Cim-Gom, Mr WIELAND,
Sailor, Mr T. MATTHEWS,
Officer of the Gens d'Armes, Mr HATTON, Centinel, Mr MEARS,
Soldiers, Messrs. Ashton, Atkins, Birt, Butler, Caulfield, &c.
Isoline, (the Maid of Artois—THIRD TIME) Mrs WOOD,
Coralie, Miss F. HEALY, Ninka, Miss POOLE,
Myra, Madame PROCHE GIUBELEI.

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After which, the popular Farce of
DEAF AS A POST.

Captain Templeton, Mr COOPER,
Tristram Sappy, Mr MEADOWS, Old Walton, Mr F. COOKE,
Crupper, Mr HUGHES, Gallop, Mr HONNER,
Sophy Walton, Mrs EAST, Amy Templeton, Miss LEE,
Mrs Plumpley, Mrs C. JONES,
Sally Maggs Mrs HUMBY.

To conclude with the 2nd Act of the New Grand Ballet, called The
Devil on Two Sticks

Asmodeus, Mr WIELAND,
Cleophas Mr G. GILBERT,
Don Giles, Mr F. SUTTON,
Bellaspada Mr HOWELL,
Florinda (aDancer of the Opera) Miss BALLIN,
Paquita, Madame PROCHE GIUBILEI,
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On Monday, Cinderella, and Kenilworth.

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This Evening, Colman & Garrick's Play of The

Clandestine Marriage!

Lord Ogleby, Mr W. FARREN,

Sir John Melville,..... Mr J. WEBSTER

Stirling, Mr TILBURY,

Lovewell,..... Mr PRITCHARD,

Canton, Mr WEBSTER,

Brush, Mr WORRELL, Traverse, Mr BENDER

Serjeant Flower, Mr THOMPSON,

Trueman, Mr RAY, John, Mr COLLETT,

Fanny, Miss VINCENT,

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To conclude with, the Melo-Drama of

The Sexton of Cologne!

OR, THE BURGOMASTER'S DAUGHTER.

Ephraim, Mr G. BENNETT, Laban, Mr PRITCHARD,

Simeon, Mr WORRELL, Hans Bolt, Mr WEBSTER,

Theodore, Mr J. WEBSTER, Denderweldt, Mr THOMPSON,

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We find we were premature in announcing on the authority of a Sunday journal, the marriage of Mr. Forrest with Miss Sinclair ; he is not yet married, *on dit* that there is a doubt whether that event will take place, some misunderstanding having arisen on account of the difference of their religious opinions. It is said that the reason Forrest withdrew his services from this Theatre was from what he considered a mark of disrespect on the part of the management, by first announcing him for *Macbeth* on a certain Thursday, and then withdrawing the announcement to substitute an Opera, which was followed by another of his nights, Monday, being selected for the lessee's Benefit. We are sorry Mr. Forrest should feel himself aggrieved as we cannot think it was the intention of Mr. Bunn to insult him, and we hope that he

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will yet return for a few nights, ere his final departure for the United States, which we hear will shortly take place.

The American Papers state the people of Boston are in absolute ecstasies at Miss Tree's acting. She had played a round of her favorite characters at the Tremont Theatre with such profit to the manager, that he entreated her to renew her engagement, to which she assented. On her Benefit night, the tickets were put up to auction, in order to prevent a monopoly by those who make it a practice to buy up the places on such occasions. One of the best critics of Boston asserts that Ellen Tree's *Pauline*, in *The Ransom*, is the most perfect representation of nature he ever witnessed.

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Henry, Earl of Richmond,.....Mr PRITCHARD,
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QUASIMODO.

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The Grand Provost,.... Mr THOMPSON,
Phœbus de Chateaupers, Mr COLLINS,
Ernest,..... Mr J. WEBSTER,
Quasimodo, Mr PRITCHARD,
Gringoire, Mr WEBSTER, Clopin, Mr RANSFORD
Esmeralda, Miss VINCENT.

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CINDERELLA.

Felix, Mr WILSON,
Baron Pumpolino..... Mr GIUBILEI,
Alidoro, Mr HENRY, Dandini, MrSEGUIN,
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Cinderella, Mrs WOOD,
(*Her First Appearance in that Character this Season.*)
Clorinda, Miss BETTS,
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To conclude with, (*First Time this Season*) the Drama of

KENILWORTH.

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Earl of Shrewsbury, Mr F. COOKE,
Sir Henry Lee..... Mr FENTON,
Sir Thomas Bowyer, Mr HOWELL,
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Michael Lambourne..... Mr BEDFORD,
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YESTERDAY evening Mrs. Wood sustained for the first time this season the character of *Cinderella*, in the Opera of that name. Often as we have heard Mrs. Wood in the part, we never tire of it; her performance is a bright effort of intuitive genius, aided by cultivation, and the music is delightful. Miss Betts, as *Clorinda*, also merits the highest praise; she sang most correctly, and with great sweetness. Wilson, as the Prince, sang very well in the early part of the Opera, but we thought he was a little flat as it proceeded. Giubelei, both for his acting and singing, deserves much commendation; his duet with Seguin was admirably done, the latter giving his portion with equal talent. The Opera was followed by the Drama of *Kenilworth*, which was but indifferently represented, with the exception of Miss Huddart's *Queen Elizabeth*, and Warde's *Sir Richard Varney*, both of which were excellent. We beg pardon of Mrs. Humby, her *Janet* was very good. Taglioni takes her Farewell Benefit at Paris, on the 22d instant, and will appear here next week in *La Sylphide*, and Madame Schroöder Devrient the beginning of May as *Fidelio*.

ST. JAMES'S—Yesterday evening the Farce of *My Grandmother* was revived at this Theatre, the characters of *Dickey Gossip* and *Florella* being sustained by Harley and Miss Rainforth. The acting of the former was truly inimitable, for it is a part exactly suited to his mercurial style, and certainly even Suett himself (the original *Dickey Gossip*) could never have elicited more laughter or applause. Miss Rainforth, who nightly improves as an actress, played with considerable archness and playful grace, and we need scarcely add she sang very sweetly. We have often seen this Farce acted with Bannister & Signora Storace, the former was the successor of Suett, and the latter the original *Florella*, but were never more entertained by it than we were last night. *The French Refugees*, *The Postilion*, and *Love is Blind*, made up a capital bill of fare. Several novelties are in active preparation.

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The celebrated Italian buffo singer De Begnis, has had a narrow escape from being frightened to death. Some short time since he embarked in one of the steam boats between Dublin and London, and when the vessel had got about a mile and a half from the Emerald Isle, an accident which might have been of a very serious nature happened to the engine, and compelled them to be waterlogged till the next morning, when the passengers were sent back to Dublin in open boats. We recollect that last year this great singer nearly lost his life by jumping off one of Bernasconi's cars, the horses attached to which had become unmanageable.

Madame D—, the wife of one of the first performers in the orchestra of the Grand Opera, at Paris, on returning home on Thursday night from the Theatre, found her child smothered in the bed of its nurse. The woman horror struck at the consequence of her negligence has fled.

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Bassanio..... Mr PRITCHARD,
Gratiano,, Mr J. WEBSTER,
Lorenzo..... Mr COLLINS,
Salanio, Mr BENDER,
Salarine Mr WORRELL,
Antonio, Mr G. BENNETT,
Shylock..... Mr HYDE,
(From the Theatre Royal Bristol—his First Appearance.)
Gobbo..... Mr TILBURY,
Launcelot, Mr WEBSTER,
Balthazar..... Mr RAY,
Servant, Mr COLLETT,
Jessica, Miss VINCENT, Nerissa, Miss LEE,
Portia, Miss HELEN FAUCIT.

After which, (for the 3rd Time) a new Farce to be called

The Modern Orpheus Or, Music the Food of Love !

Achilles Dumont, a retiring Musician, Mr FARREN,
Picote..... (a retired Physician)..... Mr TILBURY,
Philippe Mr J. WEBSTER,
Madame Picote, Mrs GLOVER,
Cecile, Miss LEE, Jaquette, Miss NICHOLSON
To conclude with, the Farce of

The Irish Tutor. ; Or, "NEW LIGHTS."

Dr. Flail Mr TILBURY,
Charles, Mr J. WEBSTER,
Tillwell..... Mr THOMPSON.
Beadle, Mr SMYTHSON,
Terry O'Rourke Mr MACARTHY,
(Being his First Appearance at this Theatre)
Rosa Miss LEE,
Mary, Miss NICHOLSON.

To-morrow, Julius Cæsar, a Musical Melange, A Day after
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Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

This Evening, the new Grand Opera of

Fair Rosamond !

The whole of the MUSIC Composed by JOHN BARNETT.

King Henry II. (*disguised as a Troubadour*) Mr H. PHILLIPS

Walter Lord de Clifford; Mr GIUBELEI,

Sir Alberic de Vere, (*betrothed to Rosamond*) Mr WILSON,

Sir Thomas Vaughan (*the King's Favorite*) Mr SEGUIN,

Sir Raymond de Burgh, Mr HENRY,

Le Baron Chatelet, Mr MEARS, Le Comte Marcel, Mr S. JONES,

Hubert, (*Page to Sir Raymond*) Miss POOLE,

Eleanor, (*Queen of England*) Miss BETTS.

Rosamond (*De Clifford's Daughter*) Miss ROMER,

The Lady Blanche (*her Friend*) Miss FANNY HEALY,

After which, the Farce of A

Roland for an Oliver

Sir Mark Chase, Mr BARTLEY,

Mr Selborne, Mr BRINDAL, Alfred Highflyer, Mr HOOPER

Fixture, Mr MEADOWS, Gamekeeper, Mr HENRY,

Maria Darlington. Miss TAYLOR,

Mrs Fixture, Mrs HUMBY, Mrs Selbourne, Miss LEE

To conclude with, the First Act of the Melo-Drama, called

Valentine and Orson.

FRENCH.

Pepin, (*King of France*) Mr MATHEWS,

Henry, Mr BRINDAL, Haufray, Mr HENRY.

Valentine (*a Foundling*) Mr HOWELL,

Orson.....(*a Wild Man*).....Mr T. MATTHEWS,

Blandiman, Mr DIDDEAR, Hugo, Mr MEADOWS,

Emperor of Greece, Mr BLAKE,

The Princess Eglantine, Miss TAYLOR, Agatha, Miss POOLE,

Florimonda of Aquitaine, Miss BALLIN,

Dame Cicely,..... Mrs EAST,

The Empress Belisanta, Mrs W. CLIFFORD,

SARACENS.

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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

MR. HYDE, from the Theatre Royal Bristol, of whom report had spoken highly, appeared here last night as *Shylock*, in *The Merchant of Venice*, but we are sorry to add this his performance fell far short of what we had been led to expect, and that he has neither the mind to understand, nor the physical powers necessary to embody that wonderful conception of our great dramatist. The only thing we can in justice say in his favor is, that he did not over act the part, nor rant as most provincial actors do; he was occasionally applauded, but his reception altogether was anything but flattering. It is certain that Bennett, Pritchard, or J. Webster would have played the part better. As it was, they sustained the parts of *Antonio*, *Bassanio*, and *Gratiano*, extremely well. Miss Helen Faucit acted *Portia* remarkably well, we never heard any actress speak the dialogue in the trial scene better, but it is strange that in the middle of one of her speeches, she so entirely forgot herself, that she was obliged to pause for some seconds, the audience, however, most kindly applauded till she could catch the cue from the prompter. We have known this often happen to old stagers. The new Farce of *The Modern Orpheus* was acted for the third time, after the Play, with great applause, and the Farce of *The Irish Tutor* concluded the entertainments of the evening; in the latter piece Mr. Macarthy, who some time ago brought an action against Mr. Bunn for a breach of engagement, made his first appearance at this house as *Doctor O'Toole*. He is a clever comedian, his humour is racy without being coarse, and he has a full round face redolent of fun and good humour. In parts of this description he is not an unworthy successor of Power; he was most kindly received and greatly applauded during his performance.

The usual annual meeting at Stratford-on-Avon, to commemorate the birth of our Immortal Bard, the sweet Swan of

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Avon, takes place on Monday the 24th instant, at the Shakspeare Hall. An oration on the life and writings of the great dramatic poet is to be delivered at the Theatre by Mr. Sheridan Knowles.

Mrs. Chester, the mother of Miss Chester, the actress, died on Sunday last, at the house of her daughter, in Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, aged 63.

The German Papers announce the death, at Moscow, of Mr. Field, the celebrated pianist. He was a native of Bath, and had obtained such a reputation in Russia, that, but for his intemperate habits, he might have amassed a large fortune. He was paid three pounds teaching a lesson by his pupils, and he had more than he could attend to. He was profusely hospitable, and the consequence is that he has died poor. He was 59 years of age.

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JULIUS CÆSAR.

Brutus,.....Mr MACREADY,
 Cassius, Mr VANDNHOFF,
 Marc Antony.....Mr S. KNOWLES.
 Julius Cæsar, Mr G. BENNETT,
 Octavius.....Mr PRIICHARD,
 Decius, Mr J. WEBSTER,
 Calphurnia, Miss LEE, Portia, Mrs W. WEST.

A MUSICAL MELANGE!

'The Merry Swiss Boy,' (with Variations) Miss Clara Novello,
 (Accompanied on the Flute, by Mr Richardson.)
 Song, 'The Outlaw,' (Loder) Mr RANSFORD,
 Jock O'Hazledean, - - Miss BIRCH,
 (Accompanied on the Piano-Forte, by Mr LAND.)
 Comic Song, 'I am quite the Ladies' Man' Mr HERBERT,
 Song, 'Oh! here's to the Holly,' (Loder) Mr RANSFORD,
 Mr RICHARDSON will play NICHOLSON's 13th Fantasia,
 Song, 'The Guitar of Spain,' (S. Nelson) Miss C. NOVELLO,
 Song, 'Hurrah for the Road,' (Rodwell) Mr COLLINS,
 By Desire, 'The Gipsy King,' (S. Nelson) Mr RANSFORD,
 Quartette, 'Lo! the early beam of morning,' (M. W. Balfe)
 By Miss C. Novello, Miss Birch, Mr A. Novello, & Mr Ransford.

After which, a laughable Interlude called A

Day after the Wedding.

Colonel Freelove, Mr PRITCHARD,

Lord Rivers.....Mr J. WEBSTER,
 James, Mr TILBURY

John,.....Mr COLLETT,

Lady Elizabeth Freelove, Miss HELEN FAUCIT,
 (Her First Appearance in that Character)

Mrs Davies,.....Mrs GARRICK.

To conclude with, the laughable Farce of

Petticoat Government.

HecticMr. W. FARREN,

Clover—(First Time) Mr. RANSFORD,

in which he will introduce 'There was a jolly Miller' and Fry's
 celebrated Song of 'The Water Drinker.'

Stump, Mr. TILBURY, Bridoon, Mr THOMPSON
 Mrs Carney, Mrs GLOVER, Annabella, Miss LEE.

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

This Evening, (*by special desire*) the Grand Opera of

LA SONNAMBULA

With the whole of the Music by Signor BELLINI.

Count Rhodolpho.....Mr SEGUIN.

Elvino, Mr WILSON,

Alessio, Mr DURUSET, Pedro, Mr HUGHES,

Notary, Mr F. COOKE,

Joanno,.....Mr HENRY

Amina, Mrs WOOD,

Teresa, Mrs C. JONES. Liza, Miss BETTS,
Villagers—Messrs. Atkins, Butler, Chant, Healy

Jones, Walsh, Macarthy, Price, &c.

Mesdames Allcroft, Boden, R. Boden, Butler, East,
Connelly, Goodson, Goodwin, &c.

After which, the Drama of The

Hunter of the Alps.

Felix, Mr COOPER, Rosalvi, Mr WARDE,

Juan, Mr HENRY,

Florio, Miss MARSHALL, Julio, Master HILL,

Jeronymo, Mr HUGHES,

Baptista, Mr BEDFORD, Marco, Mr MEARS.

Helena di Rosalvi, Mrs W. CLIFFORD,

Genevieve, Miss POOLE

To conclude with, the Grand Romance of

BLUE BEARD.

Abomelique... (Blue Beard).....Mr MATHEWS,

Selim, Mr HENRY,

Ibrahim.....Mr BARTLEY,

Shacabac, Mr DURUSET,

Hassan, Mr Honner, First Spahi, Mr Henry,

Second Spahi, Mr F. Cooke,

Third Spahi, Mr Fenton, Fourth Spahi, Mr Howell,

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THE entertainments at this Theatre yesterday evening were for the Benefit of Mr. Ransford, and consisted of the Play of *Julius Cæsar*, a Musical Melange, *A Day after the Wedding*, and *Petticoat Government*. On Monday, May the first, a new Historical Tragedy will be produced at this house for the Benefit of Mr. Macready. Mr. Dale, who is re-engaged here will sustain one of the principal characters. The following Monday, Mr. Osbaldiston will revive for his Benefit the Play of *King Henry the Eighth*, with other entertainments.

Mr. Charles Kean when last in London was attacked by severe indisposition, which ultimately proved to be the small pox. After being confined to his room for three weeks, his engagement requiring his presence, he proceeded to Edinburgh as soon as his attendant physician had pronounced all infection to be over, and he has gained the applause of the critics of the Modern Athens while still suffering from the weakness which follows this dreadful malady.

The following extracts from Mrs. Butler's *Star of Seville*, we give as specimens of the poetry :

" Oh ! Pedro pardon me ; thou ne'er didst love !
'Tis writ in the smooth margin of thy brow,
And in the steady lustre of thine eye,
Thy blood did never riot through thy veins
With the distemper'd hurried course of love ;
Thy heart did never shake thy shuddering frame
With the thick startled throbbing pulse of love.
Thou hast ne'er wept love's bitter burning tears,
Hoped with love's wild unutterable hope,
Nor drown'd in love's dark fathomless despair.
Thine is a stedfast and a fixed nature
'Gainst which the tide of passion and desire
Breaks harmless as the water o'er the rock,
And the rich light of beauty shines alone
On thy soul's surface, leaving all beneath it
Unmoved and cold as subterranean springs.
Love hath no power o'er spirits such as thine,
Nor comes not nigh to them."——

"To-morrow! oh, to-morrow! oh! that love
Held old Time's hour glass; for he would shake
The pouring sand so swiftly through that day
Should sink that moment in night's swarthy arms,
And straight come blushing back to light the world.
Come night, quench thou this bright note peopled ray,
Oh! that to-morrow were but called to-day.

The committee of the National Opera have just published their prospectus, in which they say "As there is not at present any Theatre in London solely devoted to the production of Operas by British composers, it is indispensable for the advancement of the Dramatic Musical Art in this kingdom, that a Grand National Opera should be instituted." It is purposed to raise £50,000 divided in 10,000 shares of £5. Lord Burghersh and Sir Henry Webb are the trustees, and G. H. Rodwell, Esq. the composer, is the secretary. The nightly expenses are calculated at £105, and the intended Theatre is to hold £300.

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Brian Boroihme !

Or, The Maid of Erin.

IRISH.—Brian Boroihme, (King of Ireland) Mr S. KNOWLES,
Macarthy Moore, Mr PRITCHARD,

O'Donohue, (a Chief) Mr J. WEBSTER

Roderick, Mr WEBSTER, Terence, Mr TILBURY,

Harper, Mr COLLINS, Desmond, Mr THOMPSON,

Redmond, Mr HUCKEL,

Erina, (the Princess) Miss H. FAUCIT, Ilene, Miss VINCENT.

DANES.—Tormagnus, (a Danish Prince) Mr G. BENNETT,

Voltime, (a Veteran) Mr VANDENHOFF,

Udislaus, Mr HARRIS, Albert, Mr WORRELL,

Herald, Mr COLLETT,

Datho, Mr RAY,

Otho, Mr BENDER,

Elgitha, Mrs W. WEST,

Page, Miss LANE.

Duet, 'Nay I swear 'tis not true,' Miss Vincent & Mr Webster.

Song, 'Strike the Harp ! Strike the Harp.' Mr Collins,

Song, 'Could you but see him that loves me,' Miss Vincent.

Song, 'Oh, the sight entrancing,' (Moore) Mr COLLINS,

Song, 'Would you hear my sweet Harp,' Miss Helen Fancit.

Song, 'G's a buss my pretty Maid' Miss VINCENT.

View of Dublin, in the Olden Time, with Mountainous Pass and Fortified

Towers of Ben Hader. Ruins of an Ancient Edifice. Hall in the Castle.

Chapel of the Knights of Connor. The Palace—The Hall—Elgitha's Tent.

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To conclude with, (21st Time) an entirely new Drama, called

The Country Squire.

Squire Broadlands, Mr W. FARREN,

Horace Aurelius Selwood..... Mr J. WEBSTER,

George Selwood, Mr PRITCHARD,

Sparrow, Mr WEBSTER,

Guard, Mr HARRIS, Samuel, Mr COLLETT.

Fanny Markham, Miss VINCENT,

Sophy Herbert, Miss LEE, Alice, Miss Nicholson,

Temperance, Mrs GLOVER,

In Act II. A Morris Dance.

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

This Evening, Rowe's Tragedy of

JANE SHORE.

Duke of Glo'ster Mr MATHEWS,
Lord Hastings, Mr COOPER,
Sir R. Ratcliffe, Mr F. COOKE,
Catesby, Mr HENRY,
Earl of Derby Mr MEARS,
Dumont, Mr WARDE,
Belmour, Mr BRINDAL,
Servant, Mr HEATH, Porter, Mr FENTON,
Jane Shore, .. (First Time) .. Miss TAYLOR,
Alicia, Miss HUDDART.

After which, the 2nd Act of the New Grand Ballet, called The

Devil on Two Sticks

Asmodeus, Mr WIELAND,
Cleophas..... Mr G. GILBERT,
Don Giles, Mr F. SUTTON,
Bellaspada.....,..... Mr HOWELL,
Florinda (aDancer of theOpera)Miss BALLIN,
Paquita, Madame PROCHE GIUBILEI,
Susanna Miss PINCOTT.

To conclude with, Barnett's Opera of

The Mountain Sylph

Donald, Mr WILSON,
Christie, Mr DURUSET, Hobbie, Mr MEARS,
Hela, Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Baillie Macwhapple Mr BEDFORD,
Villiagers, Messrs. Heath, Brady,
Eolia,....(the Monntain Sylph).... Miss ROMER,
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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

A NEW Drama, in three acts, from the pen of Sheridan Knowles, entitled *Brian Boroihme; or, the Maid of Erin*, was produced at this Theatre last night, and met with a very favorable reception. This Drama was, we understand, one of the earliest dramatic efforts of its talented author, having been performed in Ireland, (Clonmell we believe) 30 years ago, the late Edmund Kean personating the hero *O'Donohue*; since that time the Drama has undergone complete revision, and has been almost entirely re-written. It is a story of the olden time in Ireland, when that country being invaded by the Danes, Erina, the daughter of King Brian Boroihme, who is betrothed to *O'Donohue*, is carried off by Tormagnus, the Danish Chief. *O'Donohue* rescues his beloved, but is himself taken prisoner by the Danes, and condemned to death; but his fine person and gallant bearing win him the love of *Elgitha*, the Danish Princess, who offers him his life and liberty, on condition that he flies with her. This offer she makes to him by the hands of a blind minstrel boy, who is in reality *Erina* in disguise. *O'Donohue*, constant to his plighted faith, spurs the proposal, and *Elgitha* detects the disguised *Erina*, who is again given into the hands of *Tormagnus*. Assisted by *Voltimer*, *Erina* escapes once more from the Danish camp, but is overtaken, her brave deliverer wounded, and she herself made prisoner. In this dilemma she offers to give up her lover to *Elgitha* so that his life be saved; and just

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at the moment Brian and his followers arrive, overcome the Danes, and save the lovers.

The serious business is relieved by some comic scenes between Ilene, (charmingly acted by Miss Vincent,) and Roderick. Miss Helen Faucit played *Erina* extremely well, and sang a plaintive air with great sweetness and expression. The best acted male part was that of *Voltimer* by Vondenhoff; he was immensely applauded. J. Webster looked and acted the young Chieftain to the life. There is a good deal of bustle and incident in the piece, and there is some good writing, but it will bear no comparison with his *Hunchback, Wife, &c.* At the end of the Drama, Sheridan Knowles was called forward, and addressed the audience, but spoke in such a nervous tone that it was impossible to understand him. Vondenhoff and Helen Faucit were afterwards called for and applauded. *The Modern Orpheus*, and *The Country Squire* followed the Drama.

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Jules de Montangon, Mr WILSON.

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Sailor, Mr T. MATTHEWS,

Officer of the Gens d'Armes, Mr HATTON, Centinel, Mr MEARS,  
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Isoline, (the Maid of Artois) Mrs WOOD,  
Coralie, Miss F. HEALY, Ninka, Miss POOLE,  
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Theodore, Mr BRINDAL, Nicolo, Mr MEADOWS,  
Fabio, Mr HUGHES,

Allessandro Massaroni, ..... Mr COOPER,  
Rubaldo, Mr BEDFORD,

Carlotti, Mr HEALY, Spoletto, Mr HENRY,  
Matteo, Mr HOWELL.

Officer, Mr S. JONES, Servant, Mr MEARS,  
Marie Grazie, Mrs HOOPER.

To conclude with, the First Act of Auber's Opera of

## MASANIELLO.

Don Alphonso ..... Mr DURUSET,  
Lorenzo, Mr MEARS,

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## **ION.**

Adrastus..... Mr VANDENHOFF,  
Ctesiphon, Mr J. WEBSTER.  
Cassander..... Mr WORRELL,  
Ion, Mr MACREADY,  
Medon,..... Mr THOMPSON,  
Phocion, Mr G. BENNETT.  
Agenor, Mr PRITCHARD, Cleon, Mr TILBURY,  
Timocles, Mr HARRIS,  
Crythes, Mr BENDER, Soldier, Mr COLLETT,  
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**DRURY LANE THEATRE.**

BALFE's Opera of *The Maid of Artois* was repeated here last night ; we do not think that our contemporaries generally speaking have done justice to Mrs. Wood when criticising her performance of *Isoline*, they seem to forget how difficult a task it is to give satisfaction in a character originally represented by an actress and singer of such transcendent talent as the lamented Malibran. Mrs. Wood acts with feeling and judgment, and sings with brilliant execution, and certainly no other singer on the stage could perform the part so well as she does. After the Opera, the first act of *The Brigand*, and the first act of *Masaniello* ; this plan of giving disjointed parts of different pieces is become quite a fashion, but in our opinion it is a very foolish one.

Madame Vestris has published a sensible and modest address to the public on the present situation of her affairs ; it is too long for our little publication, but we subjoin the principal part of it :

"Gratitude for the unceasing favor bestowed upon my efforts as actress and manager, will not suffer me to remain silent while an event, on the result of which my character for honesty depends, is made known to you through other channels. An unfortunate entanglement in a series of bill transactions, the first step in which no one can regret more than myself, has lately drawn itself so closely round me, as to preclude all hope of extrication by private means, though none which honour, honesty and self sacrifice could dictate, have been left untried, and my name is about to appear in the Gazette as a bankrupt. The two reports most obvious for malevolence to fix upon, are personal extravagance and failure of the Olympic Theatre, and these I shall briefly answer by anticipation. My *bona fide* creditors have shown every confidence in me, and have cheerfully and unanimously agreed to every proposition made with a view to my avoiding the steps now forced upon me, and with a *full knowledge of the receipts and expenditure of the Theatre*, they have been willing to allow me an ample annual income out of the profits, and to receive the remainder in gradual liquidation of their claims. Their intentions for their own good and mine have been frustrated by persons who have purchased my

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Or The Maid of Erin.

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Macarthy Moore, Mr PRITCHARD,
O'Donohue, (a Chief), Mr J. WEBSTER
Roderick, Mr WEBSTER, Terence, Mr TILBURY,
Harper, Mr COLLINS, Desmond, Mr THOMPSON,
Redmond, Mr HUCKEL,
Erina, (the Princess) Miss H. FAUCIT, Ilene, Miss VINCENT.
DANES.—Tormagnus, (a Danish Prince) Mr G. BENNETT,
Votimer, (a Veteran) Mr VANDENHOFF,
Udislaus, Mr HARRIS, Albert, Mr WORRELL,
Herald, Mr COLLETT,

Datho, Mr RAY, Otho, Mr BENDER,
Elgitha, Mrs W. WEST, Page, Miss LANE.
Duet, 'Nay I swear 'tis not true,' Miss Vincent & Mr Webster.
Song, 'Strike the Harp ! Strike the Harp,' Mr Collins,
Song, 'Could you but see him that loves me,' Miss VINCENT.
Song, 'Oh, the sight entrancing,' (Moore) Mr COLLINS,
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Joanno,.....Mr HENRY,

Amina, Mrs WOOD,

Teresa, Mrs C. JONES. Liza, Miss BETTS,

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Jones, Walsh, Macarthy, Price, &c.

Mesdames Allcroft, Boden, R. Boden, Butler, East,

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Devil on Two Sticks

Asmodeus, Mr WIELAND,

Cleophas.....Mr G. GILBERT,

Don Giles, Mr F. SUTTON,

Bellaspada.....Mr HOWELL,

Florinda (aDancer of theOpera) Miss BALLIN,

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Father Philip, Mr BARTLEY, Hassan, Mr WARDE,

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Saib, Mr F. Cooke, Muley, Mr Henry,

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ADELPHI.—This evening and during the week the Domestic Drama of *Isabelle; or, Woman's Life* will be revived, & Mr. Rice will perform for the last six times. On Monday next Mrs. Yates takes her Benefit, on which occasion she will gratify the public by appearing in *Victorine*, her great and favorite part. Mr. Wrench will for that night only appear in the interlude of *A Man about Town*. The managers will not this season avail themselves of the full extent of their license, but intend closing on the

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Abanazar, Mr PRITCHARD,
Kazrac (his Slave) Mr C. J. SMITH,
Cham of Tartary, Mr THOMSON,
Kara Hanjou, Mr HOWARD, Olrock, Mr HARRIS,
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PIZARRO.

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(His First Appearance these Two Years.)

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Cora, Miss TAYLOR,

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SPANIARDS—Pizarro, Mr DIDDEAR,
Alonzo, Mr COOPER, LasCasas, Mr MATHEWS,
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Sentinel, Mr MEADOWS, Almagro, Mr HENRY
Elvira, Miss HUDDART.

After which, a Dramatic and Pantomimic Sketch, in One Act,
taken from last Pantomime,

Old Gammer Gurton ;

Or, the LOST NEEDLE.

Mago, Mr MEARS, Stophiles, Mr HONNER, Robin, Miss POOLE
Hodge, Mr T. MATTHEWS, Doctor Ratte, Mr F. SUTTON,
Diccon, Mr F. COOKE, Cobbe, Master FENTON,
Gammer Gurton, Mr HENRY, Dame Chatte, Mr SHUTER,
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Doll, Miss BARNETT, Cerulla, Miss MARSHALL,

To conclude with, Auber's Opera of

Gustavus the Third.

Gustavus the Third, Mr COOPER,
Colouel Lillienhorn Mr WILSON,
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Count D'Essen Mr HONNER,
The Baron Bjelke, Mr F. COOKE,
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MR. MACREADY repeated the character of the *Duke of Glo'ster*, in the Tragedy of *Richard the Third* last night ; the other entertainments were *The Modern Orpheus*, and the Romance of *Aladdin*. The new Tragedy to be produced for the Benefit of Macready, entitled *Strafford*, was written by a friend of that great tragedian. The scene is laid in the reign of Charles the First.

DRURY LANE THEATRE.

YESTERDAY evening Mr. Denvil, who is already known to the town as a clever actor, more especially as the original representative of Lord Byron's *Manfred*, appeared at this Theatre in the part of *Rolla*, in the Play *Pizarro* ; he was greatly applauded. A Pantomimic sketch, from *Gammer Gurton*, and Auber's Opera of *Gustavus the Third*, followed the Play.

Madame Grisi was prevented singing, by illness, on Friday at the King's Theatre for the Benefit of the New Musical Fund, but she sent a donation of £10. 10s. to Sir George Smart, as her mite towards the Benefit. Madame Albertazzi volunteered an aria from *La Donna del Lago*, in part to compensate for the loss of Grisi.

John Barnett, we are glad to hear, is busily engaged in composing a Ballad Opera, which is intended for production at the Lyceum Theatre. Mr. Peake is writing the dramatic portion of the Opera, and therefore we may anticipate its certain success, as no author more agreeably caters for the public taste.

The National Opera Society have it in contemplation to give a grand performance of *The Messiah*, in aid of the fund for establishing a National Opera in London. It is said it will be supported by 1000 performers, being nearly 300 more than were employed at the Abbey festival.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood have received the most flattering offers to go to America ; the success of Ellen Tree in the United States, is without precedent ; she has excited quite a *furor* ; every night she performs the Theatre overflows ; the critics exhaust every term of panegyric in praising her acting, and the managers think her a pearl of inestimable price.

The Haymarket Theatre is still in the market, although several tenders have been made for it, but only as lessees. F. Vining, Mrs. Honey, Laporte, Dubourg, and several others, are amongst the numbers who have made offers.

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Mr. and Mrs. Keeley are shortly expected in England from the United States. Mr. Paumier has been starring at Glasgow. A party of 200 persons dined together to testify their admiration of this gentleman's histrionic talent; we should have thought the Glasgow audience would have known better what good acting is.

In a letter from Stratford-on-Avon, dated Sunday last, the Shakspearian Anniversary; it is stated that Stratford was crammed with visitors, and that after an oration to be delivered by Sheridan Knowles at the Theatre, the company proceeded to the church, where the alterations carried into effect during the last year for the preservation of the tomb of Shakspeare, together with the renovation of the chancel, were explained by the committee appointed to superintend them. Shakspeare was born April 23d 1564, died April 23d, 1616.

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Roderick, Mr WEBSTER, Terence, Mr TILBURY,
Harper, Mr COLLINS, Desmond, Mr THOMPSON,
Redmond, Mr HUCKEL,
Erina, (the Princess) Miss H. FAUCIT, Ilene, Miss VINCENT.
DANES.—Tormagnus, (a Danish Prince) Mr G. BENNETT,
Vultimer, (a Veteran) Mr VANDENHOFF,
Udislaus, Mr HARRIS, Albert, Mr WORRELL,
Herald, Mr COLLETT,
Datho, Mr RAY, Otho, Mr BENDER,
Elgitha, Mrs W. WEST, Page, Miss LANE.
Duet, 'Nay I swear 'tis not true,' Miss Vincent & Mr Webster.
Song, 'Strike the Harp ! Strike the Harp.' Mr Collins,
Song, 'Could you but see him that loves me,' Miss Vincent.
Song, 'Oh, the sight entrancing,' (Moore) Mr COLLINS,
Song, 'Would you hear my sweet Harp,' Miss Helen Fancit.
Song, 'G's a buss my pretty Maid' Miss VINCENT.
View of Dublin, in the Olden Time, with Mountainous Pass and Fortified
Towers of Ben Bader. Ruins of an Ancient Edifice. Hall in the Castle.
Chapel of the Knights of Connor. The Palace—The Hall—Elgitha's Tent.
Bay of Dublin, backed by the Kilma Hills, as seen through the Tent of
Tormagnus.

After which, the Drama, called The

Two Pages of Frederick the Great.

Frederick the Great Mr W. FARREN,
Theodore, Miss VINCENT,
Augustus, Miss LEE, Phelps, Mr TILBURY,
Carlo, Mr Collett, Papillion, Mr Huckel,
Dick Mr Paulo, Ostler Mr Ray,
Madame Phelps, Mrs GLOVER,
Madame Ritzburg Mrs W WEST,
Caroline, Miss NICHOLSON, Lisbeth, Mrs GARRICK
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CINDERELLA.

Felix, Mr WILSON,

Baron Pumpolino..... Mr GIUBILEI,
Alidoro, Mr HENRY, Dandini, Mr SEGUIN,
Pedro, Mr MEADOWS Page, Miss MARSHALL
Cinderella, Mrs WOOD,
Clorinda, Miss BETTS,
Thisbe, Mrs EAST, Fairy Queen, Miss POOLE.

After which, the Farce of

My Neighbour's Wife.

Mr Somerton, Mr COOPER

Mr Brown, Mr MEADOWS,
Mr Smith, Mr BARTLEY,
Mrs Somerton Miss TAYLOR,
Mrs Brown, Miss PINCOTT,
Mrs Smith Miss LEE.

To conclude with, the Melo-Drama, called

Valentine and Orson.

FRENCH.

Pepin, (King of France) Mr MATHEWS,
Henry, Mr BRINDAL, Haufrey, Mr HENRY.
Valentine (a Foundling) Mr HOWELL,
Orson.....(a Wild Man)..... Mr T. MATTHEWS,
Blandiman, Mr DIDDEAR, Hugo, Mr MEADOWS,
Emperor of Greece, Mr BLAKE,
The Princess Eglantine, Miss TAYLOR, Agatha, Miss POOLE,
Florimonda of Aquitaine, Miss BALLIN,
Dame Cicely,..... Mrs EAST,
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THE Opera of *Cinderella* was performed here last night, the part of *Cinderella* by Mrs. Wood. It was followed by the amusing Interlude of *My Neighbour's Wife*, which was acted in the best possible manner. Cooper, Meadows, Bartley, and Miss Taylor, sustained their original characters, and played up to each other admirably. The evening's entertainments concluded with the Melo-drama called *Valentine and Orson*. Taglioni, who will appear at this Theatre in the course of next week, took her farewell benefit at the Academie Royale de Musique, in Paris, on Saturday last. The house was crammed in every part, and presented the most animated spectacle; the parterre on this occasion was divided into stalls at a pound each, and principally filled with elegantly dressed women, a rare sight in a French Theatre. The Queen, with all the Princes and Princesses, of the Royal Family, were present, with the exception of the Duke of Orleans, and remained till the performance terminated at half-past one on Sunday morning. Taglioni was almost smothered with flowers in wreaths and bouquets. During the performance of *La Sylphide*, an accident occurred which caused great consternation, both on the stage and among the audience, in the scene where the Sylphides float and hover in the air, the cords which suspended two of the dancers broke, and the poor girls were precipitated to the ground, but although they fell from a great height, miraculous to say they did not suffer any material injury.

On Wednesday, in last week, a well dressed young man named John East, was brought up to Union Hall, charged with creating a disturbance in the Surrey Theatre on the previous night. It appeared that he jumped upon the stage, made a rush to T. P. Cooke, who was acting a nautical character, and giving a hitch to his own trousers, exclaimed "Do you think that you are a sailor? I'll do the character as well myself if the people will only let me." He afterwards jumped into a private box from whence he was obliged to be removed by main force. The prisoner expressed great contrition, and said he had exceeded the

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bounds of moderation at dinner, and did not know what he was about. The manager not wishing to press the charge he was liberated, on making an apology.

The Birmingham Musical Festival will be held this year on the 19th of September, and three following days. The engagements well comprise all the leading talent of the country, combined with a number of the most distinguished Continental performers, and the arrangements generally are such as to ensure a meeting second in splendour and effect to none that has ever taken place in England. The Right Honorable Lord Willoughby de Broke is the president of the year.

Boswell, in his *Life of Johnson*, says "Mrs. Thrale and I had a dispute whether Shakspeare or Milton had drawn the most admirable picture of a man. I was for Shakspeare; Mrs. Thrale for Milton; and after a fair hearing, Johnson decided for my opinion. I cited the passage in which *Hamlet* describes his father; Mrs. Thrale that in which Milton portrays Adam."

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Alessio, Mr DURUSET, Pedro, Mr HUGHES,
Notary, Mr F. COOKE,

Joanno,.....Mr HENRY,

Amina, Mrs WOOD,

Teresa, Mrs C. JONES. Liza, Miss BETTS,

After which, the First Act of the popular Drama of

THE BRIGAND.

Albert, Mr F. COOKE,

Theodore, Mr BRINDAL, Nicolo, Mr MEADOWS,

Fabio, Mr HUGHES,

Allessandro Massaroni, Mr COOPER,

Rubaldo, Mr BEDFORD,

Carlotti, Mr HEALY, Spoletto, Mr HENRY,

Matteo, Mr HOWELL.

Officer, Mr S. JONES, Servant, Mr MEARS,

Marie Grazie, Mrs HOOPER.

To which will be added, the 2^d Act of the New Grand Ballet, called The

Devil on Two Sticks

Asmodeus, Mr WIELAND,

Cleophas.....Mr G. GILBERT,

Don Giles, Mr F. SUTTON,

Bellaspada.....Mr HOWELL,

Florinda (aDancer of theOpera) Miss BALLIN,

Paquita, Madame PROCHE GIUBILEI,

Susanna Miss PINCOTT.

To conclude with, the First Act of Anber's Opera of

MASANIELLO.

Don Alphonso, Mr DURUSET,

Lorenzo, Mr MEARS,

Selva, Mr HONNER,

Elvira, Miss BETTS,

Fenella, Madame P. GIUBILEI,

A BOLERO, by Master and Miss MARSHALL,

To-morrow, Richard the Third, with One Act of Der Freischutz, and The Beggar's Opera.

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This Evening, Shakspeare's Tragedy of

M A C B E T H.

Duncan, King of Scotland, . . . Mr THOMPSON,
Malcolm, Mr Worrall, Donalbain, Miss Deither,
Macbeth, Mr MACREADY,
Banquo Mr G. BENNETT,
Macduff, Mr PBITCHARD,
Fleance, Miss LANE, Lenox, Mr HARRIS
Rosse, Mr J. WEBSTER,
First Officer, Mr JONES, Second ditto, Mr RAY,
Seyton, Mr Bender, Physician, Mr Huckel.
Lady Macbeth, Mrs W. WEST,
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Phœbus de Chateaupers, Mr COLLINS,
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The following is a passage from the oration delivered by Sheridan Knowles at Stratford-on-Avon, on Monday last, the 14th Anniversary of the Club instituted to commemorate the birthday of Shakspeare.—"What shall I say of Shakspeare? How shall I content you, when I cannot content myself? What fair and costly thought can I present worthy this occasion? The power of language and the light of eloquence become lost in the contemplation of the gems of Shakspeare, and I have but one solace, and that is but a poor one, it is, that no earthly mortal can do justice to his merits, (applause); therefore I shall not attempt to describe the genius of the immortal bard. It almost requires to be witnessed in order to give credence to the fact that a whole world of men and women have been created with all the modifications of time and place, so beautifully adapted to their several degrees, yet so totally opposite in their nature, as for instance, *Hamlet* and *Polonius*; *Rosalind* and *Audray*; *Coriolanus* and *Bardolph*. Can any individual believe that such characters had the same origin, that so mighty a grasp fell to the lot of any one human being, to enter into and feel congenial alike with the buffoon and the philosopher, with the child and the adult, with the robustness of man, and with the melting delicacy of woman," (cheers). Mr. Knowles afterwards adverted to the critical objection made to Shakspeare, of having violated the fixed rules of the Drama as laid down by Aristotle, and repudiated with considerable eloquence the attempt to trammel so mighty a mind. In alluding to the beautiful perspicuity with which Shakspeare expresses himself, Mr. Knowles contrasted the following passage from Euripidas:

"To view the light of life

To mortals is most sweet; but all beneath

Is nothing. Of his senses is he reft

Who has a wish to die; for life, though ill

Excels what e'er we know of good in death."

Shakspeare had summed up the same sentiments in far fewer

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words, and far more beautiful in his Play of *Measure for Measure*." He concluded his oration by an allusion to the life of Shakspeare; "Of his life we know but little; if he was a deer-stealer, it was his genius that was the poacher, and his game lay alone in the risk and the toil attached to his sport; the moonlight splendour of the forest was congenial to his spirit, and he loved to bask in the breezes that rolled over him, and to revel in the sweet inspirations that forest scenery might be supposed to call up—to imagine a world of his own, and to people it with creatures of his own mighty mind, that mind which has raised a superstruction that even the devouring hand of time can never annihilated.

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Erina, (the Princess) Miss H. FAUCIT, Ilene, Miss VINCENT.

DANES.—Tormagnus, (a Danish Prince) Mr G. BENNETT,
Vultimer, (a Veteran) Mr VANDENHOFF,
Udislaus, Mr HARRIS, Albert, Mr WORRELL,

Herald, Mr COLLETT,
Datho, Mr RAY, Otho, Mr BENDER,
Elgitha, Mrs W. WEST, Page, Miss LANE.

Duet, 'Nay I swear 'tis not true,' Miss Vincent & Mr Webster

Song, 'Strike the Harp ! Strike the Harp,' Mr Collins,

Song, 'Could you but see him that loves me,' Miss Vincent.

Song, 'Oh, the sight entrancing,' (Moore) Mr COLLINS,

Song, 'Would you hear my sweet Harp,' Miss Helen Fancit.

Song, 'Gi's a buss my pretty Maid' Miss VINCENT.

View of Dublin, in the Olden Time, with Mountainous Pass and Fortified
Towers of Ben Hader. Ruins of an Ancient Edifice. Hall in the Castle.
Chapel of the Knights of Connor. The Palace—The Hall—Elgitha's Tent.
Bay of Dublin, backed by the Kilma Hills, as seen through the Tent of
Tormagnus.

To conclude with. the Play of

WILLIAM TELL.

AUSTRIANS

Gesler Mr G. BENNETT,
Sarnem, Mr HARRIS,

Struth Mr TILBURY,
Braun Mr WEBSTER,

Rodolph Mr RAY,
Lutold, Mr COLLETT,

Anneli, Miss LEE, Agnes, Miss NICHOLSON,
SWISS,

William Tell, Mr SHERIDAN KNOWLES,
Albert, Miss LANE,

Melchtal Mr THOMPSON,
Waldman, Mr HUCKEL,

Pierre Mr BECKETT,
Michael, Mr PRITCHARD,

Jagheli Mr BENDER.
Emma, Mrs W. WEST. Savoyard, Miss LAND.

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

This Evening, Weber's Grand Opera of

Der Freischutz.

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| Ottocar, Mr HENRY, | Bernhard, Mr S. JONES, |
| Hermit, Mr BUTLER, | |
| Adolph, Mr WILSON, | Caspar, Mr BEDFORD. |
| Kilian, Mr DURUSET, | Zamiel, Mr HOWELL, |
| Witch of the Glen..... | Mr WIELAND, |
| Linda, Miss ROMER, | Rose, Miss POOLE. |

After which, the Three Last Acts of

RICHARD III.

King Henry,.....Mr MATHEWS,
Duke of Buckingham, Mr DIDDEAR,
Richard, Duke of Gloster,.....Mr DENVIL,
Prince of Wales, Miss POOLE,
Duke of York.....Miss MARSHALL,
Henry, Earl of Richmond,.....Mr COOPER,
Tressell, Mr BRINDAL,
Norfolk, Mr HOOPER, Stanley, Mr FENTON,
Catesby, Mr Henry, Ratcliffe, Mr F. Cooke,
Lieutenant of the Tower, Mr Shuter,
Lady Anne Miss TAYLOR,
Queen, Miss HUDDART,
Duchess of York,.....Mrs W. CLIFFORD.

To conclude with

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The Beggar's Opera.

Peachum, Mr BARTLEY,
 Lockit, Mr. SHUTER,
 Mat o' the Mint, Mr. HENRY,
 Captain Macheath, Mr. ANDERSON
 Filch, Mr. MEADOWS,
 Polly Peachum, Miss BETTS,
 Lucy Lockit, Mrs. HUMBY,
 Mrs. Peachum, Mrs. C. JONES,
A HORNPIPE IN FETTERS, by Mr. T. MATTHEWS.

To-morrow, the Opera of The Maid of Artois.

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DRURY LANE THEATRE.

YESTERDAY evening Bellini's Opera of *La Sonnambula* was represented at this Theatre, after which the last act of Balfe's *Maid of Artois* was given, followed by *A Roland for an Oliver*, add one act of *The Devil on Two Sticks*.

COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

TALFOURD'S Tragedy of *Ion* was represented at this Theatre last night, followed by *The Country Squire*, and *The Modern Orpheus*. Those of our readers who have never seen Macready as *Ion* ought to lose no time, for a more perfect histrionic portrait it is impossible to conceive. Ellen Tree's *Ion* is considered by the American critics as the perfection of the art, but they had not seen Macready. The Tragedy of *Ion* has already been translated into French and German. A new Play on the subject of Walter Tyrrel will immediately succeed the new Tragedy of *Strafford* at this Theatre.

Mr. Blake, the spirited proprietor of the Lowther Rooms, intends giving a Grand Masquerade to the visitors of this fashionable place of amusement, and, considering the extensive and splendid arrangements he has made for the accommodation of the public, we have no doubt it will be crowded and go off with the greatest *éclat*.

The Melodists' Club had a meeting on Thursday at the Freemason's Tavern, Lord Saltoun in the chair; he was supported by several distinguished members as well as by a powerful assemblage of those honorary members, the exercise of whose professional talent constitutes the most attractive characteristic of the club. The evening was agreeably occupied by fantasias on the harp by Bochsa, on the flute by Richardson, and by Kiallmark on the piano-forte, with songs and glees by Messrs. Hawes, Bellamy, &c. We hear that their Majesties have kindly promised to patronise a grand performance of music, which is to take place at the end of June, for the Benefit of the aged mother and orphan children of the late Charles Nicholson.

A short time since a party of Amateurs got up *Macbeth* at Madras. A Mr. Anstey, who played *Lady Macbeth*, had a beard of a hue that forbade him to be interpreted into a woman, and in a hot temperature, the growth of that appendage is rapid beyond conception. He was therefore obliged to be shaved between each act, to keep it in a state of subordination befitting a female, and it happening to be unusually hot in the dressing-room, *Lady Macbeth* ordered her shaving apparatus to be placed

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upon the stage, where there was a freer circulation of air. Just as he had begun that troublesome operation, some one mischievously rang the prompter's bell, & up rose the curtain and exposed *Lady Macbeth* in the act of shaving. It is impossible to describe the roar, the shouts and plaudits, the convulsions of laughter. A general cry soon brought her ladyship to the front of the stage, her face duly soaped for the ceremony so unexpectedly interrupted. The peals of laughter re-doubled, till the gentleman with admirable presence of mind, roared out in the language of his part

"What's the business,

That such a hideous trumpet calls to parley

The sleepers of the house?"

an address which succeeded in stilling the storm, and the lady was allowed to retire and finish operations.

Fashionable Lounges.

To the Editor of the Theatrical Observer.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Just wish to say a word—beg pardon—but will you excuse me—I have to mention that I've arranged so as to rub shoulders with my friends and the fashionable world at one or other of the *Grand Lounges* about town. After witnessing the Adelphi performances, I drop into White's celebrated Cigar Depot, 415, Strand, from which place I address you—fill my box with exquisite snuff!—choose a real Havannah!—delightful lounge, and choice company—advise all my friends to go.

On Monday, visit *The Western Exchange Bazaar*, 10, Old Bond Street,—most splendid place—completely rebuilt since the late calamitous fire—thronged by the *élite* of society, who all seem eager to patronise and encourage this Emporium of fashion, taste, & economy.—Pop in by the private entrance, 14, Burlington Arcade.

Tuesday escorted Mrs. P. to the COLLOSSEUM,—visited the Conservatories—Fountains—Caverns—Views of Stapeudous London, and other delightful and interesting Views.—The Optical Gallery—Wonders of the Microscope, and the new and unrivalled cabalastic feats of Mr. Sutton, the celebrated Magician.

Why is PERRING's splendid Summer stock of Hats, like celebrated performers?—because they are waterproof like Reeve—elegant like Vestris—durable as Braham—& light as the step of Taglioni! They are as cheap as the Boxes at reduced prices, & as well known as the finest *Opera*, for PERRING *Caps* them all.

Wednesday, attend a large party of fashionables to MADAME TOSSAUD's interesting Exhibition, Golden Corinthian Saloon, Baker Street, Portman Square—saw the new additions, correct likenesses of Lord Eldon, Oliver Cromwell, the late lamented Malibran, the Duchess of Kent, Princess Victoria, Lord Hill, &c. &c.

Quite delighted with BARNETT's exquisite *Opera* of *Fair Rosamond*, purchased the music—astonished at the beauty & melody of the solos and concerted pieces—the most popular *Opera* of the day.

The Exhibition of *British Artists*, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, is again open, attracting numerous visitors with elegant specimens of native talent.—Many *chef-d'œuvres* of art equal to some of the best of the Ancient and Modern Masters—excellent Portraits and Brilliant Landscapes.—Admission One Shilling.

Called on friend EVANS at his Hotel, Piazza, Covent Garden, to visit his splendid Coffee Room, had an excellent coffee-room dinner for 2s. After my refreshment popped into the Harmonic Meeting held down stairs as usual, so pleased stayed there a week, for which I only paid a Guinea for bed & breakfast, by the bye an excellent *Table d'Hôte* every Wednesday & Saturday at half-past 5.

On Saturday, I examine Miss Lindwood's curious Needle-Work, Leicester square—just added other beautiful specimens of her art.

Every evening, after the Theatre, I and my friends cross over from Russell Court, to BRETT's in Drury Lane, (No. 109,) for a few glasses of Ginger, or Mulled Elder, or other *British Wines*; when I pop a bottle or two into my pocket, with a single bottle of Brett's *British Cognac*.—but I intrude—beg pardon—Your's &c.—PAUL PRY.

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

BY SPECIAL



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This Evening, Balfe's Original Opera of The
Siege of Rochelle.

Count de Rosemberg, Mr SEGUIN,
Marquis de Valmour,..... Mr WILSON,
Montalban, Mr GIUBILEI,
Michel..... Mr M. W. BALFE,
Corporal Schwartz, Mr HENRY.
Azino Mr BEDFORD,
Clara, Miss BETTS,
Euphemia Miss SOMERVILLE,
Cynthia, Mrs EAST,
Marcella Miss POOLE.

After which the 2nd Act of the New Grand Ballet, called The

Devil on Two Sticks

Asmodeus, Mr WIELAND,
Cleophas..... Mr G. GILBERT,
Don Giles, Mr F. SUTTON,
Bellaspada..... Mr HOWELL,
Florinda (aDancer of theOpera) Miss BALLIN,
Paquita, Madame PROCHE GIUBILEI,
Susanna Miss PINCOTT.

To conclude with, the Play of

The Castle Spectre.

Earl Osmoud, Mr COOPER,
Earl Reginald..... Mr MATHEWS,
Earl Percy, Mr BRINDAL,
Motley..... Mr MEADOWS,
Father Philip, Mr BARTLEY,
Kenric..... Mr FENTON,
Hassau, Mr DIDDEAR,
Saib, Mr F. COOKE, Muley, Mr HENRY,
Alaric, Mr HONNER,
Angela..... Miss HUDDART,
The Spectre, Mrs W. CLIFFORD, Alice, Mrs C. JONES.

ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.

This Evening, the Burletta of

THE REVIEW !

Or, the Wags of Windsor.

Captain Beaugard Mr HALFORD
Deputy Bull, Mr HOLLINGSWORTH,
John Lump Mr GARDNER,
Looney Mactwolter, Mr M. BARNETT,
Caleb Quotem Mr HARLEY,
Serjeant Higginbottom, Mr SIDNEY,
Grace Gaylove Miss ALLISON,
Lucy, Miss J. SMITH,
Martha Miss STUART,

After which, the Operatic Burletta, in 3 Acts, of

THE POSTILION.

Chapelou, (the Postilion) Mr BRAHAM,
Marquis De Courcy.....Mr SIDNEY,
Bijou, Mr LEFFLER, Bourdon, Mr HART,
Madelaine, Miss RAINFORTH,
Rose Miss STUART.

To conclude with, the Comic Burletta of The

Illustrious Stranger.

Aboulifar, Mr SIDNEY,
Azan Mr HALFORD,
Alibajou, Mr HOLLINGSWORTH,
Benjamin Bowbell Mr HARLEY,
Gimbo, Mr GARDNER,
High Priest, Mr NICKOLS, Bubus, Mr HART,
Irza, Miss C. CRISP,
Fatima Miss P. HORTON.

On Monday, My Grandmother, with The Postillion, To which
will be added The Illustrious Stranger, To conclude with,
The French Refugee.

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